

## Board Order ABP-317239-23

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority: Kildare County Council** 

Planning Register Reference Number: ED/00849

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the increase in output from a permitted wind turbine at Ticknevin, Carbury, Co. Kildare, involving the increase in megawatt (MW) output from 5.5 MW to 6.6 MW, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited care of Malachy Walsh and Partners of Reen Point, Blennerville, Tralee, County Kerry requested a declaration on this question from Kildare County Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, and the Council issued a declaration on the 13th day of April, 2021 stating that the matter was development and was not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited referred this declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 28th day of April, 2021:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to

- (a) Section 2, 3 and 4 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) Article 9(1)(a)(i) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended,
- (c) the development as granted permission under planning register reference 19/1323 (An Bord Pleanála reference ABP-306748-20),
- the documentation on file, including submissions from the referrer and the planning authority,
- (e) the clarifications received by the Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 from the referrer in relation to impacts arising from the increase in MW output (including at 'Environmental Effects of Proposal' therein), and
- (f) the pattern of development in the area.

## AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that:

- (a) there is no specific condition limiting the MW output attached to planning register reference 19/1323 (An Bord Pleanála reference ABP-306748-20),
- (b) the increase in MW output does not constitute 'works' pursuant to section 2 of the 2000 Act,
- (c) the increase in MW output is not 'development' pursuant to section 3 of the 2000 Act, with reference to the following:
  - (i) the increase in MW output from the one number turbine is limited,

- (ii) the increase in MW output does not give rise to any additional material planning or environmental considerations not already assessed and permitted pursuant to planning register reference 19/1323 (An Bord Pleanála reference ABP-306748-20),
- (iii) there is no material change in use arising from the increase in MW output.

**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby decides that the increase in output from a permitted wind turbine at Ticknevin, Carbury, Co. Kildare, involving the increase in megawatt (MW) output from 5.5 MW to 6.6 MW, is not development.

Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Board.

Dated this day of