

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-317326-23

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-312783-22)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 13th day of June 2023, from Castlelost Flex Gen Limited, care of Halston Environmental and Planning Limited of IHub Building, Westport Road, Castlebar, County Mayo under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development comprising a proposed 220kV GIS substation and associated electrical transmission infrastructure in the townlands of Kiltotan and Collinstown and Oldtown, Rochfortbridge, County Westmeath, the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-312783-22.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated 9th day of September 2022,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Retention in place of an existing electricity pylon (identified as tower 152) whose removal had previously been approved as part of the development approved under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-312783-22).

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alteration would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

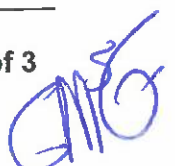
AND WHEREAS having considered all of the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the abovementioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 13th day of June 2023, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

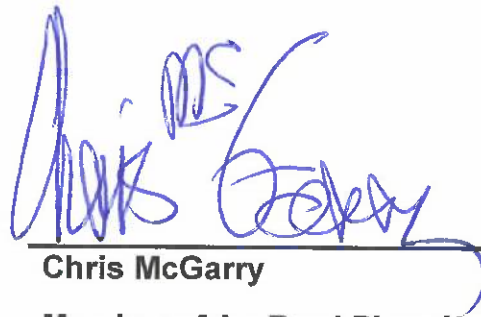
Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the development approved by An Bord Pleanála under Reference Number ABP-312783-22,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impacts, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the proposed alteration when considered in relation to the overall approved development,



- (iv) the absence of any new or additional environmental concerns of a material nature (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and
- (v) the report of the Board's Inspector, which is adopted.

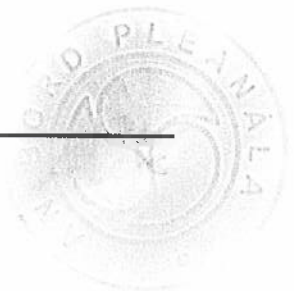
It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.



Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**



Dated this **21st** day of **August** 2023