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Pleanála

## Board Order ABP-318526-23

### Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Carlow County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-313139-22)

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 from Garreenleen Solar Farm Limited care of HW Planning of 5 Joyce House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig, County Cork under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to make alterations to the permitted 110kV substation and underground grid connection, a strategic infrastructure development the subject of a permission granted under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-313139-22.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, the above-mentioned development by Order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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:

- the addition of CT and VT measurement equipment, inclusive of associated plinths in the EirGrid compound;

- the addition of underground cabling trenching in the EirGrid compound;
- reconfiguration of lighting pole arrangements in the substation, including provision of additional lighting poles in some areas/deletions in others in both EirGrid and IPP compounds;
- addition of 2 number lighting masts, one in the EirGrid compound and one in the IPP compound;
- addition of communications chamber and rural supply kiosk in EirGrid compound;
- addition of 110kV circuit breaker, VT, disconnector and earth switch in IPP compound;
- larger 110 KV transformer in lieu of that permitted, plus provision of two earthing / auxiliary transformers, backup diesel generator/fuel tank and harmonic filter in IPP compound;
- provision of new windows on IPP control building with additional ducting to west;
- localised relocation of IPP control building to facilitate additional plant equipment;
- minor revisions to the location of foul water and storm water drainage in line with IPP control building and transformer locations;
- all ancillary siteworks.

**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,

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**AND WHEREAS** the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration 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 above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered, in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023 for the reasons and considerations set out below and Condition 4 shall be altered accordingly:

### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the Strategic Infrastructure Development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP 313139-22 for this site,
- (ii) the screening for appropriate assessment and appropriate assessment carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the alterations,
- (iv) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental effects (including those in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations,

- (v) the absence of any new or significant issues relating to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area arising from the proposed alterations, and
- (vi) the report of the Board's Inspector, it is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.

### CONDITIONS

Condition number 4 shall be altered to provide 4(d) and 4(e) and 4(f) as follows:

- (d) The backup diesel generator/fuel tank shall be bunded and connected to the surface water drainage system.
- (e) Prior to commencement of development, an operational noise mitigation plan, which includes for the backup diesel generator, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority.
- (f) During the operational phase of the proposed development, the noise level arising from the development, as measured at the nearest noise sensitive location shall not exceed:
  - (i) An Leq,1h value of 55 dB(A) during the period 0800 to 2200 hours from Monday to Saturday inclusive.
  - (ii) An Leq,15-minute value of 45 dB(A) at any other time. The noise at such time shall not contain a tonal component.

At no time shall the noise generated on site result in an increase in noise level of more than 10 dB(A) above background levels at the boundary of the site. All sound measurement shall be carried out in accordance with ISO Recommendation 1996:2007: Acoustics - Description and Measurement of Environmental Noise.

*Patricia Calleary*

**Patricia Calleary**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate**

**the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this 21 day of March 2024**

