



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-318984-24

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2021

Planning Authority: Meath County Council

(Associated application reference number: PA0050)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 31st day of January 2024 from Irish Cement Limited care of Brady Shipman Martin of Canal House, Canal Road, Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of the a strategic infrastructure development described as permitted development to facilitate further replacement of fossil fuels with alternative fuels and to allow for the introduction of alternative raw materials in the manufacturing of cement at Platin Cement Works, Platin, Duleek, County Meath, the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number PA.17.PA0050.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 11th day of April 2018,

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

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AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations are described as follows:

- Relocation of free-flowing solids silos for kiln 3 element of the development from its current permitted location within the cement works to an alternative location more directly adjacent to kiln 3 within the cement works.
- A reduction in height of the 2 silos of 5.123 metres from 70.323 metres above ordnance datum to 65.20 metres above ordnance datum.
- A reduction in the overall height of the development of 3.373 metres from 71.423 metres above ordnance datum to 68.05 metres above ordnance datum.
- Replacement of steel access stairs located on the bund wall, with a steel access tower (2.4 metres x 5.5 metres x 20.1 metres high, i.e. up to 65 metre above ordnance datum), fixed to one of the silos and facilitating access to the top of the silos.
- Change in size of the containment bund from internal dimensions of 13.5 metres x 8.6 metres x 4 metres high, to 11.8 metres x 8.6 metres x 4.5 metres high, taking account of slightly lower, smaller silos.
- Minor alterations to the associated plant and structure.

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,

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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 31st day of January 2024, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the reduced footprint and height of the free-flowing solids silos for Kiln 3,
- (ii) the limited relocation of the proposed silos within the cement works site and in relation to the footprint of the overall permitted development,
- (iii) the central location of the relocated silos within the cement works site, within the context of more substantial structures and the drainage catchment for the cement works,
- (iv) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns arising as a result of the proposed alterations, 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 & Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.



Peter Mullan

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 6th day of August 2024