

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order

ABP-319147-24

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

(Associated application reference number: 19.PA0032)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of February, 2024 from Green Wind Energy (Wexford) Limited, care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as Yellow River Wind Farm, North of Rhode, County Offaly, a strategic infrastructure development the subject of a permission granted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0032 and alterations under Reference Numbers ABP-307357-20 and ABP-312876-22.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 3rd day of June, 2014,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Amend condition number 4 of the initial An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0032 application such that the operational lifespan of the Yellow River

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wind farm is extended by 5 number years from 25 years to 30 years, from the date of commissioning.

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 & 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 permission,

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,

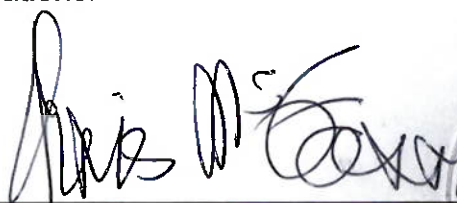
NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 21st day of February 2024, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In coming to its decision in relation to the proposed alteration, the Board had regard to the following:

- (a) The nature and scale of the proposed alteration i.e. extend the operational lifespan of the Yellow River wind farm by 5 number years from 25 years to 30 years, from the date of commissioning;
- (b) The documentation on file;
- (c) The nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 19.PA0032;
- (d) The alterations made to the above permitted development under An Bord Pleanála Reference Numbers ABP-307357-20 and ABP-312876-22;
- (e) The examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application;
- (f) The limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development;
- (g) The location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the existing Yellow River Windfarm site;
- (h) The absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alterations; and
- (i) 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, 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 12th day of November 2024.