

Board Order ABP-319344-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2360162

Appeal by Margaret and Joe Dunne of Raheenakeeran, Walsh Island, Geashill, County Offaly against the decision made on the 23rd day of February 2024 by Offaly County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission, to Cushina Wind Limited care of Steph Smart of Galetech Energy Services, Clondargan, Stradone, County Cavan in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

Proposed Development: (i) The continued operation of the existing 80 metre meteorological mast which was erected as exempted development in accordance with Class 20A, Schedule 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and all ancillary infrastructure for a period of up to five years at Raheenakeeran, Walsh Island, Geashill, County Offaly.

Decision

GRANT permission for the above proposed development in accordance with

the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under

and subject to the conditions set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the temporary nature and limited scale of the development; the

distance from European sites, which are not likely to be impacted, its location within

an area of low landscape sensitivity, and the provisions of the Offaly County

Development Plan 2021-2027, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the

following conditions, the development would not impact significantly on the

environment, or injure the amenities of the area or property in the vicinity. The

proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning

and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the 1.

plans and particulars lodged with the application, as amended by the further

plans and particulars received by the planning authority on the 29th day of

January 2024, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the

following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with

the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the

planning authority prior to commencement of development and the

development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed

particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

2. This permission shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of the order granting permission. On expiry of that period, the developers shall remove the structure and return the site to its original condition unless a further planning permission for its continued use is granted before the expiry of this permission.

Reason: In the interest of development control and to provide for the incorporation of new or improved technology.

Mary Gurrie

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

Dated this 04 day of November 2024