

Board Order ABP-319548-24

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Louth County Council

(Associated reference number: ABP-315456-23)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of April 2024 from Hazelboro Limited care of Peter Thomson Planning Solutions of 4 Priory Grove, Kells, County Kilkenny under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as a 220kV substation, associated 220kV underground grid connection, cabling and associated site works the subject of approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-315456-23.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve the proposed development, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 24th day of January, 2024,

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

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AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations are described as follows:

Amendment of the application red line boundary to include for the widening and extension of the underground cable corridor from the northern boundary of the substation site permitted under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-315456-23, across the LS-5141-0 road, and thereafter through the ESB Networks (ESBN) lands to the fence of the Louth 275kV substation compound. Also, amendment to the route of the 2 number permitted underground grid connection cables through the amended and extended cable corridor.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and having regard to the limited nature and extent of the changes proposed, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alterations 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,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the aforementioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 15th day of April, 2024.

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REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the terms of the development approved under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-315456-23 by Order dated the 24th day of January, 2024, and to the nature and limited scale of the changes now proposed, it is considered that the proposed alterations, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have any significant effect on the environment, or on any European Site having regard to their conservation objectives, or on the proper planning and sustainable development of the area that had not been considered prior to the granting of the said approval for the development. The proposed alterations would not, therefore, constitute a material alteration of the terms of the development concerned.

Chris McGarry

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

Dated this

2024.