

An  
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## Board Order ABP-319825-24

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**Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Westmeath County Council and Meath County Council**

**(Associated application reference number: ABP-311565-21)**

**REQUEST** received by An Bord Pleanála on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024 from Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited care of Galetech Energy Services of Clondargan, Stradone, County Cavan under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as a wind farm development of nine turbines and all associated works at Ballagh, Billistown, Ballynacor and Bracklyn, County Westmeath and Coolronan, County Meath, the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-311565-21.

**WHEREAS** the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022,

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

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed alterations are described as follows:

- (a) to alter the route of 1.8 kilometres of underground electricity line in order to place it within the paved carriageway of the L5508 and L80122;
- (b) to omit circa 1.8 kilometres of access track and two site entrances which facilitated the underground electricity line;
- (c) the relocation of the horizontal directional drilling works to a location circa 400 metres south-east (of the permitted works location) to facilitate the crossing of an unnamed watercourse;
- (d) excavation of circa 1,250 metres of the L5508 and the circa 380 metres of the L81022 to remove the existing road structure down to firm ground followed by reinstatement and restructuring works;
- (e) deposition of excavated material from the L5508 and L80122 and a proposed peat deposition area to the north of the L5508, and
- (f) completion of all associated ancillary works.

**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 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 permission,

**AND WHEREAS** having considered all 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,


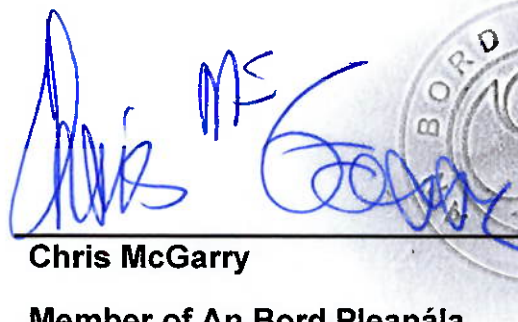
**NOW THEREFORE** in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

### **REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the development approved under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-311565-21 for the Bracklyn Windfarm Development;
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application;
- (iii) the nature and location of the alterations now proposed;
- (iv) the nature and limited scale of the alterations when proposed in relation to the overall scale of the windfarm development;
- (v) the absence of any significant new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- (vi) 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 2000, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.