



An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-319903-24

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Carlow County Council and Kilkenny County Council

(Associated reference number: ABP-315365-22)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 7th day of June, 2024 from White Hill Wind Limited care of Galetch Energy Services of Clondargan, Stradone, Cavan under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the White Hill Wind Farm comprising seven turbines and all associated works, all at Ridge, Knocknabranagh and Knockbaun, Baunreagh, and Agharue, County Carlow and Coolcullen, Cloneen and Coan East, County Kilkenny, the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-315365-22.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission subject to conditions for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 21st day of November, 2023,

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) Alter the location of turbine T6 by circa 170 metres to the south-west of its permitted position;

- (b) Alter the location of turbine T7 by circa 220 metres to the south of its permitted position;
- (c) Alter the location of ancillary wind turbine infrastructure including foundations and crane hardstanding;
- (d) Alter the alignment of access tracks and underground electricity and communications cabling associated with turbines T6 and T7, and
- (e) Undertake all associated ancillary site development works related to the above alterations including excavations and groundworks, drainage infrastructure, felling of existing commercial forestry plantation, watercourse crossing, landscaping and site reinstatement.

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 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 146(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alterations would not result in a material alteration of 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 7th day of June, 2024, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

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REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number ABP-315365-22 for this site, which includes seven turbines and all associated infrastructure and works;
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application;
- (iii) the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development;
- (iv) 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
- (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 and 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 10th day of September, 2024.