

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-320048-24

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 1st day of July, 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 7th 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) the relocation of the permitted 110kV electricity substation to a point 145 metres to the south-east of the permitted site location;
- (b) a reduction in the total footprint of the electricity substation including the Eirgrid control building and Independent Power Producer (IPP) control building;
- (c) a change in the IPP building from a block-built structure to a modular structure and a reduction in the gross floor area from 172 square metres to 80 square metres;
- (d) revised access arrangements including a dedicated access point to the electricity storage system;
- (e) revised alignment of electricity cables and 110kV line to facilitate connection to relocated substation, and
- (f) the storage of excavated material at the spoil deposition area and completion of associated 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 alterations 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 1st day of July, 2024, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

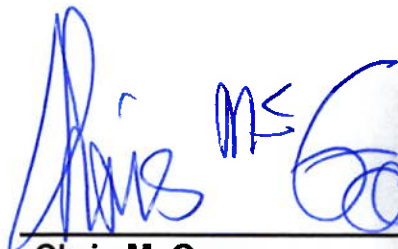

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

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 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 24th day of September 2024.