

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-320265-24

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Carlow County Council

(Associated reference number: ABP-313139-22)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22nd day of July 2024 from Garreenleen Solar Farm Limited care of HW Planning of 5 Joyce House, Barrack Square, Ballincollig, County Cork under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development comprising a 110kV substation and underground grid connection, the subject of an approval under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-313139-22 and alterations under reference number ABP-318526-23.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to approve, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated 2nd day of November 2022,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- The completion of 2 number stream crossings at identified locations on the underground 110kV underground cable route from the permitted Bendinstown Substation to the existing Kellis 220kV substation by means of Horizontal

Directional Drilling in lieu of the permitted undercrossing/overcrossing methods for these culverts.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, 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 the whether the proposed alteration 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 the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the approval,

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 development so that the approved development shall be altered, in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 22nd day of July 2024 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:

- (i) the limited nature and scale of the alterations,
- (ii) the documentation on file,
- (iii) the report of the Inspector.


The Board was satisfied that the information before it was adequate to undertake appropriate assessment in respect of the proposed alteration.


Having regard to:



- the nature and scale of the 110kV substation and underground grid connection development permitted under ABP-313139-22,
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall permitted development
- the location of the proposed alterations, underground and along a public road,
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and
- 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  day of  2025