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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022**

**Planning Authority: Sligo County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: PL24/60315**

**Appeal** by Orliven Limited of 27 Fitzwilliam Street Lower, Dublin against the decision made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 by Sligo County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** A twenty (20) year planning permission for continuations of the operational life of the existing wind farm (Sligo County Council Register Reference 98/533 and An Bord Pleanála Planning Reference 21.110572 as amended by Sligo County Council Register Reference 04/1315) from the date of expiration (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025) of the current permission. No modifications are proposed to the existing wind farm which comprises the follow elements: (a) four number existing wind turbines with a hub height of 44 metres and a rotor diameter of 52 metres; (b) existing one number on-site electrical substation compound which includes a control building, welfare facilities, associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, associated underground cabling; (c) all associated existing underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the on-site substation; (d) existing site access tracks of circa 1.5 kilometres in length and four number turbines hardstandings; (e) existing site drainage and (f) all existing ancillary infrastructure, associated site fencing and signage at Carrane Hill Wind Farm, located in the townland of Carrownadargny, near Geevagh, County Sligo.

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## Decision

Having regard to the nature of the condition the subject of the appeal, the Board is satisfied that the determination by the Board of the relevant application as if it had been made to it in the first instance would not be warranted and, based on the reasons and considerations set out below, directs the said Council under subsection (1) of section 139 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 to AMEND condition number 2 so that it shall be as follows for the reasons set out.

2. The subject permission shall expire on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2045, 20 years from the expiry date of the parent permission on site (planning register reference number 04/1315).

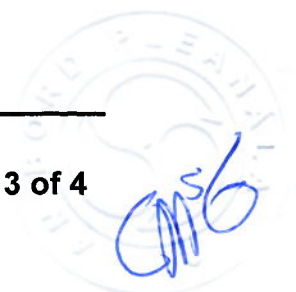
**Reason:** To enable the planning authority to review its operation in the light of the circumstances then prevailing.

## Reasons and Considerations

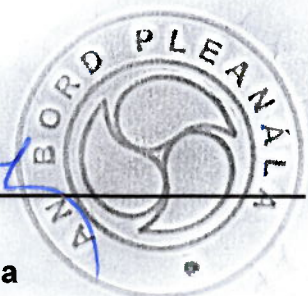

The Board performed its functions in relation to the making of its decision, in a manner consistent with Section 15(1) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Act 2015, as amended by Section 17 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, (consistent with the most recent approved, climate action plan, national long term climate action strategy, national adaptation framework and approved sectoral adaptation plans, the furtherance of the national climate objective, and the objective of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of climate change in the State),

and in coming to its decision, the Board had regard to:

- (a) the national, regional and local policy which supports developing renewable energy, including:
  - (i) Project Ireland 2040: National Planning Framework (2018),
  - (ii) the National Development Plan 2021-2030,
  - (iii) the objectives and targets of the National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030,
  - (iv) the National Energy Security Framework (2022),
  - (v) the National Energy & Climate Action Plan 2021-2030,
  - (vi) the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Northern and Western Region (2020), and
  - (vii) the Interim Consolidated Version of the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030.
- (b) the planning history of the site and the nature, scale and extent of the proposed development,
- (c) the pattern of development within the area and context of the receiving environment,
- (d) measures proposed for the continued operation of the development, and,
- (e) the documentation submitted with the application and the appeal,



it is considered that proposed development would not seriously injure the visual or residential amenities of the area or otherwise of property in the vicinity or have an unacceptable impact on the character of the landscape or on cultural or archaeological heritage, would not have a significant adverse impact on ecology, would make a positive contribution to Ireland's renewable energy and security of energy supply requirements and would be in accordance with the relevant provisions, would accord with the relevant policy at a European, national, regional and local level, including the relevant provisions of the statutory development plan for the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



**Chris McGarry**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.