

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

REQUEST received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 5th day of November 2025 from Bord na Mona Powergen Limited care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development, granted under An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number ABP-306706-20 for the development of a windfarm comprising up to 21 number Wind Turbines and all associated works at Derrinlough in County Offaly.

WHEREAS the Commission made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 26th day of August, 2021.

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Amend Condition number 5 of An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number ABP-306706-20 to amend the duration of the operational life of the Substation and Grid Connection to permanent duration.

AND WHEREAS having regard to the issues involved, the Commission 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 alteration would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration 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 Commission considered that the making of the proposed alteration would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

AND WHEREAS the Commission decided, to amend Condition number 5 so that it shall read as follows:

This permission shall be for a period of 30 years from the date of the first commissioning of the wind farm, save for the 110 kilovolt substation and the overhead grid connection to the National Grid.

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

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the approved development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 5th day of November 2025, for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

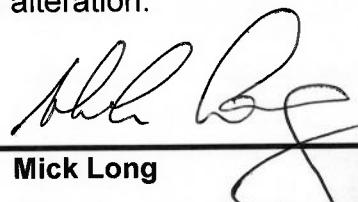
In coming to its decision, the Commission had regard to the following:

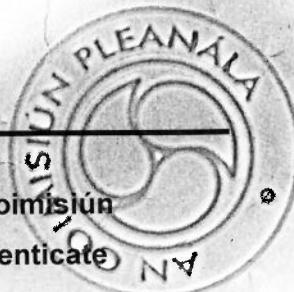
- (a) The nature of the proposed alteration.
- (b) The documentation on file.
- (c) The report of the Inspector.

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the windfarm development permitted under An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number ABP-306706-20,
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- the intended purpose of the alteration to allow the unfettered transfer of the substation and grid connection to Eirgrid to become part of the National Grid system,
- the limited and temporal nature of the alteration when considered in relation to the overall permitted development,
- the absence of any new or additional environmental impacts arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and
- the report of the Commission's Inspector, which is adopted.

It is considered that the proposed alteration would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby makes the said alteration.


Mick Long
Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.



Dated this 2nd day of January 2026