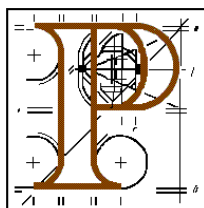


An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2016

Mayo County

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: 16.PM0011

(Associated Application Reference Number 16.PA0029)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 2nd day of November, 2016 from Oweninny Power Ltd care of ESB International, Stephen Court, 18/21 St. Stephens Green, Dublin under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as the Oweninny Wind Farm, County Mayo.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by order dated the 2nd day of June, 2016,

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

AND WHEREAS the proposed alteration is described as follows:

- Modification of the approved 3.7 kilometre connection between the wind farm substation and the national electricity grid, from the approved part overhead and part underground circuit, to a fully underground circuit. This results in the underground cabling being extended by approximately two kilometres and the removal of approximately two kilometres of approved overhead line.

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 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 alteration would not result in a material alteration to 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 2nd day of November, 2016.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- (i) the nature and scale of the strategic wind farm development permitted under An Bord Pleanála Reference Number 16.PA0029 for this site, which includes extensive laying of cables and associated works, in what is largely a cut-away bog environment,
- (ii) the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- (iii) the nature and limited scale of the alteration now proposed, which includes a limited increase in the length of an underground element of electrical cabling,
- (iv) the absence of any new or additional environmental concerns (including in relation to European sites) arising as a result of the proposed alteration, and
- (v) the report of the Inspector, which is adopted,

it is considered that the proposed alteration would not constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act, the Board hereby makes the said alteration.

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2017.