



An
Bord
Pleanála

Record of 3rd Meeting ABP-319139-24

Case Reference / Description	ABP-319139-24		
Case Type	Pre-Application Consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	3 rd Meeting		
Date	04/10/2024	Start Time	11:00 a.m.
Location	Virtually	End Time	11:30 a.m.

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Staff Members
Una Crosse, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)
Robert Speer, Senior Planning Inspector
Raymond Muwaniri, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
David McDonnell, Project Director Garrane Green Energy
David Kiely, Consultant Jennings O'Donovan & Partners
Larry O'Halloran, Project Manager Garrane Green Energy
Tomas Leen, Assistant Project Manager

Discussion:

- The Board's representatives outlined that the purpose of the meeting was to seek clarification in respect of the design strategy for the proposed turbines. It was outlined by the Board representatives that without entering the Design Flexibility process that an application could be made on the basis of 1 turbine type and that the assessment of same in the EIAR and any NIS would be concerned only with the turbine type for which permission is sought.
- Consideration of options within the EIAR/NIS can only be facilitated if the design flexibility process is undertaken.
- The Board's representative advised the prospective applicant that they are welcome to seek their own legal advice on the matter, but that the Board's position was to either request Design Flexibility or to seek permission and assess 1 turbine type.
- The prospective applicant outlined that when they commenced the pre-application process, there was no Design flexibility provisions, and they are still considering the most appropriate way forward.
- The prospective applicant enquired about the Design Flexibility process which the Board's representatives outlined.

Conclusion:

The Board's representatives advised that onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Board's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.



Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning