Our Case Number: ABP-312606-22



Mark Byrne
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Date: 11th March 2022

Re: Wind farm development of 20 turbines with 110kV electrical substation and all related site works and ancillary development.

Townlands of Annagannihy, Aughinida, Ballynagree East, Ballynagree West, Bawnmore, Caherbaroul, Carrigagulla, Carrigduff, Clonavrick, Derryroe, Drishane More, Dromagh, Drominahilla, Dromskehy and other townlands, Co. Cork.

Dear Sir,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Cork County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Re.: Ballingree Windfarm DAC

Dear Secretary,

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has received referral of the above proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development Application and provides the following observations for the Boards consideration:

1. Haulage Routes

The turbine and turbine component haul route includes the N69, N20 and N72.

TII notes details in chapter 13 and advises that any works, including reinstatement works, to existing junctions on the national road network shall comply with standards outlined in TII Publications and shall be subject to Road Safety Audit as appropriate.

Subject to the outcome of Road Safety Audit, the Authority has no objection in principle to proposals but works should ensure the ongoing safety for all road users and safeguard the strategic function of the national roads concerned.

TII recommends the following condition:

"The applicant/scheme promoter consult with the relevant road authorities on any works proposed that affect the national roads and associated junctions in terms of operational requirements such as delivery timetabling, potential costs and associated requirements prior to commencement of any development permitted. Any works, including reinstatement works, to existing junctions on the national road network shall comply with standards outlined in TII Publications and shall be subject to Road Safety Audit as appropriate."

R: In the interests of traffic safety.

2. Structures

An abnormal load assessment should be undertaken to assess the impact of any abnormal weight loads where the load weight falls outside the limits allowed by the Road Traffic (Construction Equipment & Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, SI 5 of 2003.

Where abnormal weight loads are proposed, with specific reference to structures on national roads on any proposed haul route, all structures should be checked by the applicant/developer to confirm their capacity to accommodate any abnormal weight load proposed, where relevant.















Where required, an assessment review (by the applicant/developer) of all structures concerned should be undertaken to confirm that the structures can accommodate the proposed loading associated with any delivery where the weight of the delivery vehicle and load exceeds that permissible under the Road Traffic Regulations.

The Authority therefore recommends that the following condition:

"Prior to the commencement of development the developer, a full assessment of structures on roads of any proposed haul route, shall be undertaken to confirm that all the structures can accommodate the proposed loading associated with the delivery of turbine components where the weight of the delivery vehicle and load exceeds that permissible under the Road Traffic Regulations which shall be submitted to the satisfaction of the planning authority."

R: In the interests of traffic safety.

CONCLUSION

The Board should also be aware that any works to national roads, may require licence and other consents. The receipt of this submission should not be taken as consent for any approvals, agreements or licences required under separate processes.

The Authority trusts that the foregoing proves of assistance to the Board.

Yours sincerely,

Tara Spain

Head of Landuse Planning