

Board Direction BD-016262-24 ABP-313583-22

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 09/05/2024.

The Board decided to defer consideration of this case and to issue a Section 137 notice to all parties and observers.

Having regard to the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Government Statement on the Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Strategy (July 2022) since the lodgement of the appeal, the Board invites all parties to make any submissions or observations on the proposed development noting in particular Objective DMSO92 – Space Extensive Developments and the zoning objective "HI" Heavy Industry relating to the site for the proposed development in the plan and the principles for Sustainable Data Centre Development set out in the Government Statement. In particular, observations are requested on the agreed principle of Economic Development relating to the end user agreement; the principle of Grid Capacity and Efficiency relating to the connection agreement in place and the principle of Renewables Additionality in the Government Statement.

The Board also invites observations on how the proposed development aligns with the Climate Action Plan 2023, including addressing the matching of demand and supply of renewable energy. (Allow 4 weeks)

On receipt of additional information, the file shall be referred back to the Board for further consideration.

Board Member:

Mick Long

Date: 09/05/2024