



An
Bord
Pleanála

Memorandum ABP 314602-22

To: Una Crosse, ADP
From: Karen Hamilton, ADP
Re: Submission of additional information
Date: 24th of September 2024

The Board received 17 no. submissions in relation to the proposed windfarm of 14 no. turbineS with 110Kv electrical substation and all related site works. These submissions were forwarded to the applicant on the 01st of December 2022:

1. An Coiste Forbartha
2. Cork County Council
3. Development Applications Unit
4. Geological Survey Ireland
5. Inland Fisheries Ireland
6. Irish Aviation Authority
7. Irish Water
8. John Riordan
9. Leik Versloot
10. Mark Lucey
11. Peadar O’Riada
12. Peggy and Paddy Healy
13. Peter Sweetman
14. Suzanne Duerr
15. Teddy Creedon and Caroline Kelly

16. Transport Infrastructure Ireland

17. Wild Ireland Defence CLG- Elizabeth Davidson

The issues raised in these submissions are summarised below:

1. Principle of Wind Farm
2. Consideration of Alternatives
3. Design and Layout/ materials
4. Wind speeds
5. Impact on residential/ visual amenity
6. Impact on livestock
7. Impact on property values and access in the site
8. Appropriate Assessment
9. Impact on ornithology
10. Assimilative capacity of the hydrological regime
11. Impact on water quality
12. Potential for hydrological connection to IW abstraction points
13. Consideration of landslide susceptibility
14. Impact on Annex 1 habitats and upland habitats.

On foot of these submissions and from an assessment of the applicant's documentation, further information was requested from the applicant on the 20th of July 2023, as summarised below:

1. Letters of Consent
2. Impact on Blanket Bog
3. Impact of Borrow Pits and Habitat loss
4. Clarification on the habitat map
5. Clarification on the Habitats Enhancement Plan
6. Location of temporary stockpiles and details of CEMP
7. Clarification on Peat Stability and Geotechnical Assessment
8. Clarification of issues raised in IW submission
9. Clarification on issues raised in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and impact on avian species
10. Clarification on noise and vibration assessment.

The applicant's submission was received on the 29th of September 2023 and addressed the further information requested and included:

1. Response to FI
2. Appendix A: Revised drawings
3. Appendix B: Letter of Consent
4. Appendix C: Habitat Condition Report
5. Appendix D: Oak, Birch, Holly Woodland Map
6. Appendix E: Graphics
7. Appendix F: Schedule of Ecological Mitigation Measures

I note the applicant's submitted documentation and consider that it mainly refers to documentation already contained in the EIAR submitted with the original documentation. In relation to new information, I note these relate to a more detailed analysis on the impact of Annex 1 habitat (i.e. types of mosaics etc) and a response to those comments raised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and Irish Water (IW). No significant new information is included on either the Annex 1 habitats or the impact of avian species/ water quality. This information does not significantly amend any of the findings in the EIAR.

Having regard to the information on file and the content of the information received in the applicant's further information response, I am satisfied that all the key issues raised in the submissions received by the Board have been adequately addressed in either the applicants' initial submissions and/or the further information request. In addition, I am satisfied that the further information received by the applicant on the 29th of September 2023, did not materially alter any of the information in the applicant's documentation or EIAR and was therefore not considered significant.

