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Memorandum ABP 314602-22

To: Paul Caprani, ADP
From: Karen Hamilton, SPI
Re: Oral Hearing Request
Date: 05th of June 2024

Hi Paul,

Please find an Oral Hearing determination for a SID application. The proposed development is for a wind farm development of 14 turbines with grid connection, 110kv electrical substation and all site related works situated between County Cork and County Kerry.

Background

The Board has received a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application on the 09th of September 2022. The Board received ten third party submissions, six prescribed body submissions and a submission from Cork County Council. The issues raised in the third-party submissions are summarised below:

- Principle of the Wind Farm,
- Alternatives considered,
- Wind Design & Layout,
- Wind Speeds,

- Impact on Residential Amenity,
- Impact on Visual Amenity,
- Impact on Biodiversity,
- Impact on Birds and Bats,
- Materials for wind farms,
- Impact on property values/ land use,
- Access into the site,
- Impact on watercourse,
- Archaeology,
- County Development Plans,
- Impact on European Sites,
- Compliance with the Water Framework Directive,
- Location of the 110Kv cable,
- Gaeltacht Area.

Oral Hearing Request

Two of the third-party submissions have requested an oral hearing be held on the proposed development:

- Peter Sweetman & Associates
- Wild Ireland Defence CLG

Further Information Request

On the 20th of July 2023, the Board issued a further information request to the applicant requiring the submission of information as detailed below. The applicant submitted a response to the Board's further information request on the 29th of September 2023.

The Board requested additional information on the following issues:

- Letters of consent from landowners in the vicinity of the site,
- Impact on blanket bog,
- Location and impact on borrow pits and habitat loss,
- Habitat mapping,
- Additional details on the habitat enhancement mapping,

- Location of temporary stockpiles,
- Peat Stability T1, T6, T7, T11, T12, T13, T14 and Borrow Pit B.
- Additional information request by Irish Water in relation to, *inter alia*, impacts from organic carbons and assimilative capacity of receiving waters.
- Impact on Avian species, with reference to the submission received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).
- Additional information on sensitive receptors within c. 2km of the turbines.

Oral Hearing Determination

The Board will note that a significant amount of information has been received about the proposed development including an EIAR and NIS. In addition, the further information submission elaborates on a number of the issues raised within the prescribed body and third-party submissions.

It is considered that having regard to the application being accompanied by an EIAR and NIS and other supporting documentation there is sufficient information to make a determination on the proposed development.

Having consulted the documentation submitted with the application, I believe there is sufficient information on file to allow the Board to adequately assess all the issues without the need for an oral hearing. An oral hearing would not provide or in my considered opinion illicit any significant information which would be of any substantial or material benefit to the to the inspector or the Board in determining the application.

Therefore, I do not recommend that an oral hearing is held on this appeal.



Karen Hamilton
Senior Planning Inspector

05th of June 2024

Agreed
Paul Cuff
ADP
05/06/24



Paul Caprani
Assistant Director of Planning

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