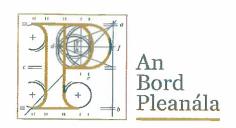
Our Case Number: ABP-314602-22



Tara Spain
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Parkgate Business Centre
Parkgate Street
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Date: 11th November 2022

Re: Wind farm development of 14 turbines with 110kV electrical substation and all related site works and ancillary development.

The townlands of Cahernacaha, Gortnabinna, Derryfineen, Gortyrahilly, Rath West, Derree, Fuhiry, Derreenaculling and other townlands, Co. Cork and Derryreag, Cummeenavrick, Glashacormick, Clydaghroe and Cummeennabuddoge, Co. Kerry.

Dear Madam,

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, Kerry 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,

Doina Chiforescu

Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737133

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Shaun McGee

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TII submission - Gortyrahilly Wind Farm, Ballingeary, Co. Cork (PA04.314602)

Attachments:

TII20-111739 - Submission - Gortyrahilly Wind Farm, Ballingeary, Co. Cork.pdf

Dear Secretary,

I attach TII's submission in relation to application Ref no. PA04.314602, Gortyrahilly Wind Farm, Ballingeary, Co. Cork.

Regards

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29 September 2022

TII20-111739

PA04.314602

Re.: Planning Application for a Wind Farm Development (and all associated works) in townlands of Cahernacaha, Gortnabinna, Derryfineen, Gortyrahilly, Rath West, Derree, Fuhiry, Derreenaculling and other townlands, Co. Cork and Derryreag, Cummeenavrick, Glashacormick, Clydaghroe and Cummeennabuddoge, Co. Kerry.

Dear Secretary,

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has received referral of the above proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development Application Further Information Response which was received by TII on the XXX from the applicant. TII provides the following observations for the Boards consideration:

1. Haulage Routes

The turbine and turbine component haul route includes the N22, N28 and N40 national primary roads. The construction of a temporary access road off the N22 in the townland of Cummeenavrick to facilitate 180 degrees turning manoeuvre by the turbine delivery vehicles is also proposed.

The Board should be aware that the network to be traversed includes national roads the responsibility of the relevant County Councils in their capacity as road authorities and and Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contract (Network Contractor C). Til advises that any works, including reinstatement works, to existing junctions on the national road network shall comply with standards outlined in Til 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, and MMaRC Contractor 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 to existing junctions on the national road network (including reinstatement works), shall comply with standards outlined in TII Publications and shall be subject to Road Safety Audit as appropriate."

R: In the interests of traffic and public safety .















2. Structures

Related to point 1, 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, and Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contract (Network Contractor C)."

R: In the interests of traffic and public safety.

3. Grid Connection

It is noted that the proposed Grid Connection will be 27.8km in length and will be along public roads, private roads and forestry roads. The proposal interacts with the N22 at the island junction at Cummeenavrick and is proposed to be crossed by directional drilling. In terms of impacts to the existing national road infrastructure, TII advises that this routing needs to avoid all impacts to existing TII infrastructure and works required to such infrastructure shall only be undertaken in accordance with TII Publications subject to the agreement of the road/planning authority and TII. Any costs attributable shall be borne by the applicant/developer.

Til therefore recommends the following condition:

"Prior to the commencement of development, an agreement and works specific Deed of Indemnity from Cork County Council and TII shall be required for the proposed national road cable crossing which shall be undertaken in accordance with TII Publications."

R: In the interests of the protection of national investment.

CONCLUSION

The Board should also be aware that any works to national roads, including those subject to motorway designation 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