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Memorandum
ABP-316212 – Request for
further information

To: Stephen Kay, ADP
From: Bríd Maxwell, Planning Inspector
Re: 316212
Date: 7th May 2024

Following review of the application documentation including the Environmental Impact Report, and Natura Impact Statement and all submissions and responses, I am of the opinion that further information is required from the applicant. I have set out the following as a proposed request for further information:

Collision Risk

Having regard to the submitted EIAR and supporting information with regard to Ornithology and noting submissions received from the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, (NPWS), in relation to information received by the NPWS of records of electronically tagged Greenland White Fronted Geese passing near the proposed wind farm site during migrations from their most important wintering sites in Ireland on the Wexford slob and their summering areas in Greenland, the Board notes the request of the Department for a more thorough analysis, based on additional survey using radar or other techniques of the potential for night migrants especially Greenland white fronted geese colliding with wind farm turbines and details of mitigation to ensure that the possibility of such collisions might be reduced. You are invited to respond to this submission.

Marsh Fritillary Butterfly Annex II Species - Key Ecological Receptor.

Regarding Marsh Fritillary Butterfly, Annex II listed species, (Categorised as inadequate status in Department of Culture Heritage and Gaeltacht. The Status of EU Protected Habitats and Species in Ireland, 2019) and noting the submissions to the Board of Mr Jesmond Harding, Butterfly Expert, on behalf of DRB Community Company Limited and the subsequent inclusion of the Marsh Fritillary as a Key Ecological Receptor, the Board notes concerns raised with regard to the 490sq.m categorised by you as "potential habitat" located within the proposed development footprint (T13 -T14) and the issues raised with regard to the timing and time constrained nature of the survey and potential for wider spatial distribution and quantity of the species. The classification of this area as "potential breeding habitat" rather than "likely breeding habitat" and the characterisation of its loss as "slight in nature" has been disputed and concerns raised that removal of part of this habitat might remove the population. It is further submitted that no evidence is provided that 'suitable habitat is abundant in the wider landscape' and the issue of sequencing is also raised. It has been suggested that the design should be applied to avoid any loss of Marsh Fritillary habitat and mitigate potential for drying out of habitat. You are invited to respond to this submission.

ZTV Mapping

The applicant is advised to note that the ZTV mapping colour banding error evident on the initial half blade ZTV map Fig 13-1 (digital and hard copy), a digital malfunction as referenced by you in the response to the observations, is also evident within the digital copy of further information on the standalone website - [Response to Observations Received \(ballivorwindfarmplanning.ie\)](https://ballivorwindfarmplanning.ie) at Fig 5 and Fig 13.1, though the colour banding is present on the hard copy documents submitted to the Board. It is acknowledged that the colour banding is evident (digital and hard copy) on several of the other mapping figures included within the EIAR including the LVIA baseline map Fig 13-5, and landscape character areas Fig 13-11.

Please allow 3 weeks for response to this request.

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Bríd Maxwell,
Planning Inspector
7th May 2024

Agreed
Stephen King.
9.5.2024.