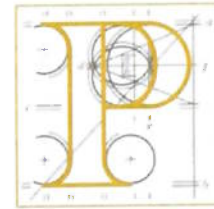


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Transport Infrastructure Ireland
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Date: 22 January 2024

Re: Proposed windfarm development including 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.
Carrowleagh, Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and Curraun, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.

Dear Sir / 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 the local authority 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 or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 2:35 PM
To: SIDS
Subject: ABP Case ref. PA16.317560 (Mercury Renewable (Carrowleagh) Limited): Additional Information Submission
Attachments: ABP Case ref. PA16.317560.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a copy of TII's observations on the Additional Information submitted in relation to the above Strategic Infrastructure Development Application.

Please note, an attempt was made to lodge this submission to the An Bord Pleanála on-line submission portal (<https://online.pleanala.ie/en-ie/sid/observation?g=317560>), however, as this submission is not accompanied by an observation fee TII was unable to proceed to submit the observation on-line.

Yours sincerely,
Michael McCormack
Senior Land Use Planner

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Re. **Strategic Infrastructure Development – Proposed windfarm development including 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo & hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo**

ABP Case ref. PA16.317560

Dear Secretary,

TII acknowledges receipt of referral of Additional Information submitted in relation to the above proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development Application on behalf of Mercury Renewable (Carrowleagh) Limited.

TII notes that the Report by Jennings O'Donovan and Partners Ltd. Consulting Engineers submitted with correspondence dated 24 November, 2023, included with the Additional Information Response, addresses observations provided by TII to An Bord Pleanála in the Authority's initial submission on this application of 30 August, 2023. Section 3.8 of the Report by Jennings O'Donovan refers.

TII's initial submission on the application addressed a number of issues, including;

- The need for a Design Report for the proposed re-alignment of the N56/L66121 in accordance with the requirements of TII Publication GN_GEO_03030.

TII notes the applicants response in this regard and it is noted that no Design Report appears to have been submitted nor approved for the proposed works as required by TII Publication GN_GEO_03030.

TII remains of the opinion that this matter should be resolved in advance of any decision on the application in the interests of road user safety and to ensure appropriate design and safety standards are applied to the proposed development and can be reflected in conditions of any decision to grant permission.

- Any proposed works to the national road network to facilitate turbine component delivery to site shall comply with TII Publications and shall be subject to Road Safety Audit as appropriate.

TII notes and welcomes the applicants commitments outlined in Section 3.8 of the Additional Information response in this regard.

- Any operator who wants to transport a vehicle or load whose weight falls outside the limits allowed by the Road Traffic (Construction Equipment & Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, SI 5 of 2003, must obtain a permit for its movement from each Local Authority through whose jurisdiction the vehicle shall travel. TII considers that it is critical a full assessment by the applicant/developer of all structures on the national

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road network along the haul route should be undertaken, where relevant, and all road authorities along the haul routes should confirm their acceptance of proposals by the applicant.

TII acknowledges that the applicant has confirmed in Section 3.8 of the Additional Information response that a detailed structural assessment of the bridges and structures on the road network which forms the construction haul route to site will be carried out prior to any works commencing on site.

In the interests of clarification, TII's initial submission advised that it was critical that a full assessment of all structures on the national road network along the haul route should be undertaken, not just along the construction haul route as referenced in the applicants response but in relation to the entire turbine component haul route to site.

It remains TII's position that a full assessment of all structures on the national road network along the turbine component haul route to site should be undertaken. In addition, as advised above, the applicant is aware that any operator who wants to transport a vehicle or load whose weight falls outside the limits allowed by the Road Traffic (Construction Equipment & Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, SI 5 of 2003, must obtain a permit for its movement from each Local Authority through whose jurisdiction the vehicle shall travel.

While TII welcomes the clarifications provided in the Additional Information Response provided by Jennings O'Donovan and Partners Ltd. Consulting Engineers on behalf of Mercury Renewable (Carrowleagh) Limited, TII remains of the opinion that the above matters require resolution in the assessment of the subject application. Accordingly, the position of TII remains as set out in the Authority's initial submission of 30 August, 2023.

Conclusion

It is requested that the above matters are taken into consideration prior to any decision on the subject application.

Yours sincerely,



Michael McCormack
Senior Land Use Planner