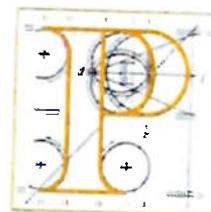


Our Case Number: ABP-318701-23



**An
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Date: 22 February 2024

Re: 10 year planning permission for the proposed wind energy development consisting of 22 wind turbines and all associated infrastructure located in the townlands of Glenora, Altderg, Keerglen, Ballykinlettragh, Ballycastle, Ballyglass, Killeena, Glencullin and Lugnalettin, Co. Mayo. (www.glenorawfplanning.com)

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.

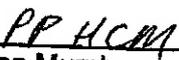
The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

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. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,


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TII23-125697

Re. Strategic Infrastructure Development – 10 year planning permission for a proposed wind energy development consisting of 22 wind turbines and all associated infrastructure at Glenora, Altderg, Keerglen, Ballykinlettragh, Ballycastle, Ballyglass, Killeena, Glencullin and Lugnalettin, Co. Mayo

ABP Case ref. PA16.318701

Dear Secretary,

The Authority acknowledges receipt of referral of the above Strategic Infrastructure Development application on behalf of Glenora Wind Farm DAC and provides the following observations for the Boards consideration;

It is proposed to address the proposed development in relation to the provisions of official policy and in relation to national road network maintenance and safety.

1. Official Policy

The Board will be aware that official policy concerning development management and access to national roads is outlined in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines ‘Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (DoECLG, 2012).

Section 2.5 of the DoECLG Guidelines sets out policy that seeks to avoid the creation of additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses (i.e. non-public road access) to national roads, to which speed limits greater than 50 kph apply.

In that regard, the Authority acknowledges that direct access to all turbine locations is facilitated via the non-national road network (in the first instance).

2. National Road Network Maintenance and Safety

In addition to the above, there are a number of operational issues related to the subject windfarm development proposal, in the Authority’s opinion, that are required to be resolved to address concerns relating to network maintenance and road safety prior to any decision on this planning application:

2.1 Proposed Turbine Haul Route

Section 3.6 of the EIAR confirms a turbine component haul route from the port of entry at Galway to the Glenora Windfarm site. Section 15.1.8 of the EIAR outlines the Abnormal Load Route Assessment to site utilising the N6, M6, M17, N17, N5, N58, N26 and N59 national roads. Appendix 15-1 details the extent of temporary works required to facilitate turbine component delivery to site.

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The proposed haul route is within Counties Galway and Mayo, the applicant/developer should therefore consult with each County Council. In addition, the national road network is managed by a combination of PPP Concessions, Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contracts (MMaRC) as well as the local road authorities. The applicant/developer should consult with all PPP Companies, MMaRC Contractors as well as the road authorities over which the haul routes traverse to ascertain any operational requirements such as delivery timetabling, etc. and to ensure that the strategic function of the national road network is maintained.

The EIAR and associated appendix detail proposed temporary works to facilitate turbine component delivery to site which impact the N6, N17, N5, N58, N26 and N59, national roads. 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. Works should ensure the ongoing safety for all road users and prior to any development necessary licenses, approvals, permits or agreements with PPP Concessions, Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contracts (MMaRC) Companies and local road authorities, as necessary, shall be in place.

Mitigation measures identified by the applicant should be included as conditions in any decision to grant permission. Any damage caused to the pavement of the existing national road due to the turning movement of abnormal 'length' loads (eg. tearing of the surface course) shall be rectified in accordance with TII Pavement Standards and details in this regard shall be agreed with the Road Authority prior to the commencement of any development on site.

TII requests referral of all proposals agreed between the road authority, PPP Concessions and MMaRC Companies and the applicant impacting on national roads. Where temporary works within any MMaRC Contract Boundary are required to facilitate the transport of any abnormal loads to site, the applicant/developer shall contact thirdpartyworks@tii.ie in advance, as a works specific Deed of Indemnity will be needed by TII before the works can take place.

2.2 Structures on Haul Route

Section 15.1.1.1 confirms that abnormal weight loads are not a feature of turbine component delivery to site. Notwithstanding, it is noted that a subsequent application may be proposed for the associated sub-station and grid connection which may include for abnormal weight load transportation to site. Therefore, in the interests of clarification, 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.

With specific reference to national road structures on the proposed haul route, all structures should be checked by the applicant/developer to confirm their capacity to accommodate any abnormal loads proposed. In such circumstances, the Authority is of the opinion that an assessment review (by the applicant/developer), where relevant, of all national road structures concerned is required to confirm that all the structures can accommodate the proposed loading associated with the delivery of substation components where the weight of the delivery vehicle and load exceeds that permissible under the Road Traffic Regulations. The road authority along the haul route should confirm acceptance of proposals by the applicant.

The Authority requests referral of all proposals agreed between the road authority and the applicant impacting on national roads.

2.3 Grid Connection Routing

It is noted that grid connection proposals are accommodated on site and there are no material impacts to the national road network in the area.

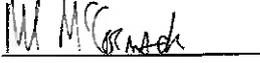
2.4 Greenways

In relation to any Greenway proposals in the vicinity of the proposed works, consultation with Mayo County Councils own internal project and/or design staff is recommended.

Conclusion

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

Yours sincerely,

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Michael McCormack
Senior Land Use Planner

Lauren Murphy

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Please find attached a copy of TII observations on the above Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

Yours sincerely,
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