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Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development; Construction of Dyrick Hill Wind Farm comprising 12 wind turbines and related works, Co. Waterford

ACP case ref. PA93.317265

Dear Ms. White,

The Authority acknowledges receipt of your letter of 17 July, 2026, in relation to reactivation of the above application and outlines the following observations for the Commissions consideration.

In the first instance, TII advises that the Authority's position in relation to this reactivated application remains as set out in TII's observations on the initial application submitted on 21 July, 2023. However, the Commission will note some relevant updates in relation to the following matters;

- Abnormal Load Deliveries, and
- Grid Connection Routing.

1. Abnormal Load Delivery

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 any proposed haul route, all structures should be checked by the applicant/developer to confirm that all the structures can accommodate the proposed loading associated with the delivery of development components to site where the weight of the delivery vehicle and load exceeds that permissible under the Road Traffic Regulations.



While an abnormal load is defined as anything above 46 tonnes and below 180 tonnes, any load above 180 tonnes, represents an 'Exceptional Abnormal Load' ('EAL'). All structures to be crossed will need a full structural assessment by the developer in accordance with TII Publications AM-STR-06048 to verify that they can sustain any 'EAL' load safely and without any damage. Reference should be made to Department of Transport Circular RW18 of 2024 ('Exceptional Abnormal Loads') in that regard.

Full details of the transportation of all Abnormal Loads and all 'Exceptional Abnormal Loads' associated with the subject development shall be agreed with all planning and road authorities along all proposed haul routes prior to the commencement of any development. In that regard, TII recommends consideration to the inclusion of the following condition to address the potential for any abnormal or exceptional abnormal loads associated with Turbine and Substation Component delivery to site.

Proposed Condition;

'Prior to the first delivery of any abnormal or exceptional abnormal load associated with the development, the applicant shall submit to, and agree in writing, with the relevant Roads Authority(s) an Abnormal Load and Exceptional Abnormal Load Management Plan. The Plan shall confirm the final haul route, pre- and post-delivery condition surveys of the public road network (including bridges and culverts where required), any necessary accommodation works, traffic management measures, and confirmation of statutory abnormal load permits and Garda escort arrangements. Prior to the first delivery of any exceptional abnormal load, the permitting process required under Department of Transport Circular RW18 of 2024 ('Exceptional Abnormal Loads') shall be completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority.

'The delivery of abnormal or exceptional loads may take place outside standard construction working hours where required under the statutory abnormal load permitting process and as agreed with the relevant Roads Authority(s).

'Reason: In the interests of road safety, protection of public infrastructure, and the orderly management of abnormal load movements'.

2. Grid Connection Routing

TII refers the Commission to Department of Transport Circular RW 07 of 2025 and the 'Interim Guidance to Road Authorities (placement of Medium or High Voltage electricity assets)' and the associated update issued with Circular RW 05 of 2026, both of which can be accessed at; <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ece06-electricity-transmission-infrastructure-development-roads-sector-engagement-framework-interim-guidance>.

The 'Interim Guidance', as outlined in the Circulars, are issued pro tem until the development of any procedures for the planning, regulation, construction and management of Medium or High Voltage cables under public roads.

The 'Interim Guidance to Road Authorities (placement of Medium or High Voltage electricity assets)' outlines the requirement for applicants to engage with the road authority to determine the 'optimal solution' for grid connection routing, an approach that is consistent with CAP 24 provisions.

Finally, there is a finite road space available to accommodate all utilities in the road network and the Commission will be aware of other electricity infrastructure applications seeking grid connection routing to the Dungarvan 110kV substation that propose to utilise sections of the N72, national road. TII recommends that a co-ordinated approach to grid connection routing in this area is achieved to avoid risk to the effective delivery of renewable energy projects in the area.

Having regard to the measures identified in CAP24 and the information in relation to grid routing included in the subject application, TII recommends that the Commission be satisfied that the proposed grid routing represents the optimal routing solution.

Conclusion

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

In the interests of clarification, no part of this submission shall be construed as TII giving consent to access or alter any national road infrastructure assets including drainage regimes, vehicle restraint and safety systems, ducting, HDD crossings, structures, etc.

In the event that any damage is caused by any development works to the national road or associated assets, overground or underground, costs arising to fully remediate all impacted infrastructure assets to TII Publications standards and requirements will be pursued by or on behalf of TII.

The Authority trusts that the foregoing comments prove of assistance to the Commission in dealing with this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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