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Dear An Bord Pleanála

Please find attached a response to a request for information issued to ESB – the response is due on or before 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Regards,

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11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Re: Response to 3<sup>rd</sup> party Appeal ABP Reference 315059-22**  
**Applicant: The Electricity Supply Board (ESB)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **1. Introduction**

ESB have been invited by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) to respond a letter issued by ABP dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

Whilst responding to the specific question, ESB would like to request that ABP defer consideration of this appeal for several months for the reasons set out below. Given the circumstances of this case, it is considered that in the interests of equity and fairness this is a reasonable request, as delays to the decision making process have been outside the control of all parties to this appeal.

## **2. Information Sought by ABP**

The specific information sought by ABP is as follows:

**Please confirm whether there is an extant planning permission in relation to the Dereenacrinnig West Wind Farm site and, if so, please provide a full copy of the permission.**

### Response

ESB have been advised by the developers of the wind farm that the most recent planning permission related to the wind farm recently expired in April 2024 (Cork County Council [CCC] Reg. Ref. 22/153). This was a decision to extend the appropriate period of the parent application for Dereenacrinnig West Wind Farm (CCC Reg. Ref. 10/857).



#### Planning application details ref. 22153 Cork County Council

Decision Progress Indicator

Received  
29/03/2022

Decision  
03/06/2022

Details Applicant Development Comments Decision Appeal

#### Planning Application 22153 (Cork County Council)

File Number:	22153	Planning Status:	APPLICATION FINALISED
Application Type:	EXTENSION OF DURATION	Decision Due Date:	03/06/2022
Received Date:	06/03/2022	Invalidated Date:	
Validated Date:	26/03/2022	Further Info Received:	
Further Info Requested:		Extend Date:	
Withdrawn Date:		Decision Date:	03/06/2022
Decision Type:		Appeal Date:	
Leave to Appeal:		Submissions By:	11/04/2022
Commenced Date:			

However, the developers of the wind farm are currently preparing a new application to Cork County Council (CCC) for the wind farm and expect to submit it to CCC in late Q3/early Q4 2024.

### 3. Reasons for Requesting a Deferral on Determining this Case

This project (i.e. the Dereenacrinnig Wind Farm and the grid connection) has a long planning history as detailed in the planning application itself and the response to this planning appeal submitted to ABP in December 2022.

When this planning application for the grid connection was made by ESB to CCC in November 2021, Dereenacrinnig West Wind Farm had a planning permission that was due to expire in December 2022. Substantial works including access roads and turbine foundations) had already taken place on the wind farm site at that point as they had commenced in 2017. The remaining works to be completed consisted mainly of turbine installation.

In relation to this appeal case, a decision to grant issued from CCC in October 2022 and it was appealed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party in November 2022. An appeal determination date was published on the ABP website dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 and this date remains on the website.



Bord Pleanála Case reference: PL68.315059  
Planning Authority Case Reference: 21737

Dereenacrinnig West, Barnagowlane West, Glanaraag, Ards Beg, Ardrah,  
Laharanshermeen, Maulraha, Maulikeeva, Derryarkano, Cappanaboul,  
Skahanagh, Gortroa, Shandrum Beg, Shandrum More, D

Cork County Council - West Cork Section

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original planning case  
submission to Cork County  
Council - West Cork Section.](#)

As a result of the decision, we are unable to provide the  
original submission.

If this case is not decided you  
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case number and get further  
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Description	Removal of existing electricity supply grid and replacement with similar, and all associated works. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was received with the application.
Case type	Planning Appeal
Decision	Case is due to be decided by 29/03/2023
EIAR	Yes
NIS	No
Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) (Applicant)</li><li>Jan Collins (3rd Party Appellant) (Active)</li></ul>
History	09/11/2022 Lodged

In March 2022 the developers of Dereenacrinnig West Wind Farm applied to CCC to extend the duration of the existing permission for the wind farm and were granted a permission to extend the appropriate period until 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (CCC Reg. Ref 22/153).

The extension of duration was based on the fact that substantial works on the wind farm had been completed and that there was a reasonable prospect of the grid connection (i.e. this appeal case) being permitted by ABP within a reasonable time period, which would allow the entire development to be completed by April 2024.

ABP have publicly stated in the past, and as recently as 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, that there continues to be ongoing delays in determining cases within the normal statutory objective time period. This has directly impacted on the completion of Dereenacrinnig West Wind Farm and its grid connection.

The grid connection is an intrinsic part of the wind farm, and the delay in processing this appeal case has meant that the turbine delivery and erection could not be finalised. Had the appeal case been determined within the normal statutory objective time period (i.e. by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023) or even a number of months thereafter it would have been possible to procure and erect the turbines before the expiry of the extended duration planning permission (CCC Reg. Ref. 22/153).



ESB called and wrote to ABP on a number of occasions to advise them of the urgency of this appeal, as it was successful in the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) auction and needed to be completed by a specified date, in addition to the planning expiry date.

As previously stated, the developers of the wind farm have had pre-planning consultation with CCC and are at an advanced stage of preparing a new application to CCC for the wind farm and expect to submit it to CCC in late Q3/early Q4 2024. Whilst not pre-empting a grant of permission from CCC, there is a reasonable prospect of permission being granted in late 2024/early 2025.

#### **4. Conclusion**

Given the history of this case, delays in this case being determined by ABP and the fact that the developers of the wind farm are at an advanced stage of lodging a new application for the wind farm, ESB are of the view that in the interests of equity and fairness this determination of this planning appeal should be deferred until a planning decision is made in relation to the new application for the Dereenacrinnig West Wind Farm.

If ABP were to permit this and request an update from ESB towards the end of 2024 we would be happy to provide that information.

If you have any queries, please contact me at [Brendan.allen@esb.ie](mailto:Brendan.allen@esb.ie) or 086 8336990.

**Yours faithfully,**

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**Planning Team Leader**