



An
Bord
Pleanála

Memorandum
ABP-316305-22

To: Sorcha Skelly, Senior Executive Officer

S. Skelly 8/6/23

From: Derek Kelly, Executive Officer

Amend previously permitted Wind Farm development. An Eair and NIS accompanies this application.

Lands at Graguenahown Knockardagur Boleybawn & Ironmills (Kilrush), Co. Laois

Date: 30th May 2023

On 18th March 2023, the Board received a third party appeal from Peter Sweetman, Kieran Brophy and Others, against Laois County Council's decision reg ref: 22507, to grant permission for the above-mentioned development.

The last date for observations on this appeal is 15th May 2023, and for Responses; 17th May 2023.

NIS

A Natura Impact Statement was submitted as part of this appeal. Please find attached NIS recommendation form (light green) to be completed by inspectorate.

EIAR

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was submitted with the application. An EIAR Recommendations – EIAR submitted form (dark green) attached.

DAU and An Taisce were invited to comment by the PA at application stage. Having regard to the development's proximity to an SPA and SAC, Article 28 of the Planning and Development Regulations has been invoked inviting comments from the Heritage Council.

A response to the appeal was received within the statutory timeframe from the applicant, Pinewood Wind Limited on 12th May 2023.

I recommend that Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) not be invoked in relation to the applicant's response received.

Board to consider same.

File herewith for comments