

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Cork City Council

Planning Register Reference Number: R606/20

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether the proposed renewing and altering of the existing Kilbarry-Knockraha No.2 110kV overhead transmission line in the townlands of Ballincolly, Ballyvolane, Arderrow, Ballyharoon, Banduff, Poulacurry North, Poulacurry South and Ballinglanna, County Cork, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development. The subject works constitute –

- Paint/corrosion treatment of steel towers
- Replacement of wooden polesets
- Replacement of existing steel intermediate towers with wooden intermediate polesets
- Replacement of insulators and hardware
- Civil works on Tower Shear Blocks
- Ancillary works

AND WHEREAS Eirgrid PLC of The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin care of MKO, Tuam, Galway requested a declaration on the said question from Cork City Council on the 6th day of October, 2020;

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AND WHEREAS the said question was referred to An Bord Pleanála by Cork City Council on the 22nd day of October, 2020:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to -

- (a) sections 2(1), 3(1), 4(1)(g), 4(1)(h) and 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended,
- (b) the submissions made by the parties to the referral,
- (c) the nature, extent and scope of the works, and
- (d) the report of the planning inspector:

AND WHEREAS An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

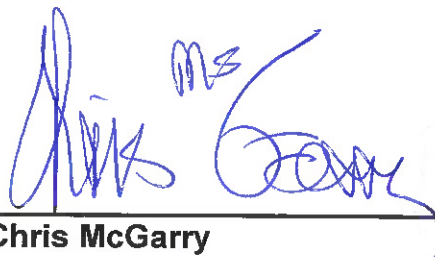
- (a) EirGrid PLC is a 'statutory undertaker' within the meaning of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) the change in structure types, comprising the replacement of steel towers with wooden polesets, in addition to replacement of wooden polesets, paint/corrosion treatment of steel tower, replacement of insulators and hardware and civil works on town shear blocks constitute works as defined and is, therefore, 'development' within the meaning of section 3 of the Act,
- (c) the proposed works form part of the renewing and altering of the Kilbarry-Knockraha No. 2 110kV transmission line and are being undertaken as part of the statutory undertaker's routine function associated with transmission infrastructure,
- (d) the proposed wooden polesets are considered to be of less visual significance than the two number steel towers being replaced and do not give rise to any material adverse planning considerations,

- (e) the proposed replacement of wooden polesets which may result in an increase in height of up to two metres at certain points would not be of visual significance and do not give rise to any material adverse planning considerations, and
- (f) the proposed works come within the scope of section 4(1)(g) of the said Act which facilitates, inter alia, the altering and renewing of apparatus by a statutory undertaker:

NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(4) of the 2000 Act, as amended, hereby decides that the said proposed renewing and altering of the existing Kilbarry-Knockraha No.2 110kV overhead transmission line is development and is exempted development.

Matters Considered

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.



Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board

Dated this *26th* day of *April* 2021

