

Board Direction BD-014735-23 ABP-309223-21

The submissions on this file were considered at a Board meeting held on 29/11/2023.

The Board decided to dismiss this referral under subsection (1) (b) (i) of section 138 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature of the question raised in the referral, which pertains to part of underground grid infrastructure/ electricity cable grid connections that appears to have been completed a significant period ago and noting that the question raised in the referral is lacking relevant detail on the context and purpose, the Board concluded that the question cannot be properly addressed or decided in isolation within the meaning of Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board decided to exercise its absolute discretion to dismiss this referral under Section 138(1)(b)(i) (nature of the questions raised) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

In arriving at its decision, the Board took into account the content of the inspector's reports and the inspector's recommendation as well as the wider information on file, however, the Board did not follow the inspector's recommendation in this instance as it concluded that the question raised could not be properly addressed or decided for the reasons outlined.

Board Member: Patricia Calleary.

Date: 29/11/2023