

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-309223-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: D/285/20

Whereas a question has arisen as to whether:

- (a) the provision of the underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Cork County/Limerick County border at the Glashawee River to the Glenlara 110kV substation in County Cork,
- (b) associated with the ground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Tullylease 38 kV substation (County Limerick), and
- (c) to the electricity cable grid connection which runs from the Dromdeeven Wind Farm 38 kV substation (County Limerick) to the Glenlara 110 kV and between the Dromdeeven Wind Farm and the Glenlara 110 kV substation

located in the townlands of Meekearegh, Rowls Daunt, Commons North, Tooreenaguppoge, Maens Coolagh, Rowls Langford (North), Rowls Langford (South), Rowls Allen, Rowles Shaddock, Tooreen Donnell, Meengorman and Curraduff, County Cork is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Patrick Cremins care of The Planning Partnership of The Coach House, Dundanion, Blackrock Road, Cork requested a declaration on the said question from Cork County Council and no declaration was issued by the planning authority:

AND WHEREAS Patrick Cremins referred the declaration to An Bord Pleanála on the 19th day of January, 2021:

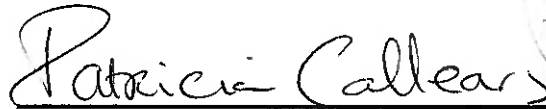
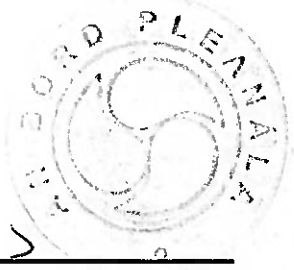
NOW THEREFORE An Bord Pleanála is satisfied that, in the particular circumstances, the referral should not be further considered by it and, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by subsection (1) (b) (i) of section 138 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, hereby dismisses the said referral 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) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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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.

Patricia Calleary

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this 14 day of December 2023.

