

## Direction ABP-322413-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 16/09/2025.

The Commission decided, as set out in the following Order, that

Commission Order as follows:-

WHEREAS a question has arisen as to whether a 20kV grid connection route consisting of 0.577km of overhead line and 3.636km of underground cable between the customer substation (X628, 378 Y 772,961) granted planning under REF: 23/60010 and the 38/20kV ESB substation (X 625, 508, Y 772, 744) in Lissanore, Lios an Oir, Co Longford is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

AND WHEREAS Natural Forces Renewable Energy Limited requested a declaration on this question from Longford County Council

AND WHEREAS Longford County Council referred the question for determination by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 28th day of April 2025:

**AND WHEREAS** An Coimisiún Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to:

(f) there are no other restrictions on exemption set out in the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and/or the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 that would apply in this instance.

NOW THEREFORE An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 5 (3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby decides that An Coimisiún Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the proposed 20kV grid connection route consisting of 0.577km of overhead line and 3.636km of underground cable between the customer substation (X628, 378 Y 772,961) granted planning under REF: 23/60010 and the 38/20kV ESB substation (X 625, 508, Y 772, 744) in Lissanore, Lios an Oir, Co Longford is development and is not exempted development.

**Planning** 

Commissioner:

Date: 17/09/2025

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