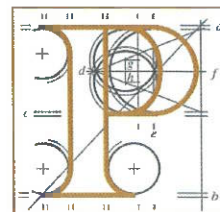


**Our Case Number:** ABP-306706-20

**Your Reference:** Bord Na Móna Powergen Ltd.



**An  
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J. Green (MKO)  
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**Date:** 14th August 2020

**Re:** A ten year permission for a wind farm consisting of 21 wind turbines and all associated site works Derrinlough and other townlands Co. Offaly

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above mentioned proposed development which is before the Board for consideration.

The Board has considered the case and hereby notifies you that it has decided to determine the application without an oral hearing. In this regard, please be advised that the Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing and has concluded that this case can be dealt with adequately through written procedure.

Accordingly, please be advised that the Board, in accordance with section 37(F)(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, hereby requires you to furnish the following further information in relation to the proposed development:

1. Provide a comprehensive and detailed response to each of the issues raised in the submissions received by the Board from the planning authority (copy attached), prescribed bodies and the observers. In the preparation of the response the applicant shall consult with the planning authority/prescribed bodies as necessary, to ensure that the matters raised are adequately addressed.
2. Submit revised photomontage booklet with images presented on one-side only (as opposed to two-sided) for ease of assessment. The new booklet should include additional photomontages and wireframes from the following locations and illustrate the worst-case scenario in each case:
  - the L3006 to the south of the site.
  - the R438 to the west of the site in the townland of Timolin.
  - the closest dwelling along the west of the local road in the townland of Drinagh.

The response should address the issues raised by the planning authority/observers regarding the quality of the images received.

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3. It is acknowledged in the EIAR that noise monitoring locations are spread out over a relatively large area (section 11.3.71). Having regard to the significant geographical extent of the site and the clusters of dwellings in the locality, the applicant is requested to provide a more detailed rationale for the low number of monitoring locations (7 no.). It is unclear, for example, why no monitoring was conducted at noise sensitive locations to the west of the site (Timolin/Dernatanny/Balliver). The noise monitoring locations should provide confidence that all areas are fully considered to establish potential variations in background noise levels in the study area.
4. In relation to the submitted noise assessment (Chapter 11 of the EIAR), it is noted that reliance is placed on the 2006 Wind Energy Guidelines. The applicant is requested to clarify that the noise assessment is robust and is supported by up to date information and guidance to ensure that residential amenity is adequately protected. In responding the applicant is requested to identify any such up to date guidance.

The further information referred to above should be received by the Board within 6 weeks from the date of this notice (i.e. no later than 5.30 p.m. on the **24th September, 2020**).

In this regard, please submit 3 hard copies and one electronic copy of the above information.

Please note that following its examination of any information lodged in response to this request for additional information, the Board will then decide whether or not to invoke its powers under section 37(F)(2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, requiring you to publish notice of the furnishing of any additional information and to allow for inspection or purchase of same and the making of further written submissions in relation to same to the Board.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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