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## Board Order ABP-318846-24

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### Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

**Planning Authority:** Clare County Council

**Planning Register Reference Number:** 23/60441

**Appeal** by Brendan Sweeney of Kilbane, Broadford, County Clare against the decision made on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 by Clare County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to EDF Renewables Ireland Limited care of MKO of Tuam Road, Galway in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

**Proposed Development:** Erection of a temporary 100-metre-high lattice type meteorological mast for a period of five years which will be fixed to ground anchors by stay wires and will include instruments for measuring local climate conditions and services. The proposed works also include a hardstanding area and all ancillary works, all in the townland of Killeagy (Goonan), County Clare.

### Decision

**GRANT** permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the said plans and particulars based on the reasons and considerations under and subject to the conditions set out below.

## Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the location of the proposed development within an area designated as 'open to consideration' for wind farm development under Volume 6 of the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029, and the purpose of the meteorological mast to measure local climate conditions, the siting and design of the proposed development, together with its temporary nature, and the minor scale of construction works associated with the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not seriously injure the visual amenities of the area, would not seriously injure the residential amenities of property in the vicinity, would be acceptable in terms of traffic safety and convenience, would not result in an adverse impact on biodiversity, and would not be prejudicial to public health. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

## Conditions

1. The proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the proposed development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** In the interest of clarity.

2. This permission shall apply for a period of two years from the date of this Order. The meteorological mast and ancillary structures shall then be removed unless, prior to the end of the period, planning permission shall have been granted for their retention for a further period.

**Reason:** To enable the impact of the development to be reassessed, having regard to changes in technology and design during the specified period.

3. (a) The site shall be reinstated on removal of the meteorological mast and ancillary structures. Details relating to the removal and reinstatement shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.
- (b) In the event of the meteorological mast becoming obsolete and being decommissioned, the developer shall, at its own expense, remove the structure and restore the site to its original condition.

**Reason:** In the interest of orderly development.

4. (a) A fixed red obstacle light shall be fitted as close to the top of the mast as practicable and shall be visible from all angles in azimuth. Details of this light, its location and period of operation shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority and the Irish Aviation Authority prior to commencement of development.
- (b) The developer shall contact the Irish Aviation Authority of the intention to commence crane operations with at least 30 days prior notification of the erection of the mast and shall provide as constructed coordinates in WGS-84 format, together with ground and tip height elevations to the said Authority.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety.

5. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall lodge with the planning authority a cash deposit, a bond of an insurance company, or such other security as may be acceptable to the planning authority, to secure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site upon cessation of the project, coupled with an agreement empowering the planning authority to apply such security or part thereof to such reinstatement, including all necessary demolition and removal. The form and amount of the security shall be agreed between the planning authority and the developer, or in default of agreement, shall be referred to An Bord Pleanála for determination.

**Reason:** To ensure the satisfactory reinstatement of the site.



**Paul Caprani**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

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



Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2025.