

An
Bord
Pleanála

Board Order ABP-321590-25

Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Kerry County Council

(Associated application reference number: ABP-318540-23)

REQUEST received by An Bord Pleanála on the 20th day of December 2024 from SSE Generation Ireland Limited care of Gravis Planning, 41 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin, under section 146B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to alter the terms of a strategic infrastructure development described as amendments to the previously authorised 10 year planning permission for a proposed Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power plant fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) and associated site at Tarbet Island, Tarbet, County Kerry, the subject of a permission under An Bord Pleanála reference number ABP-318540-23.

WHEREAS the Board made a decision to grant permission, subject to conditions, for the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 4th day of October, 2024,

AND WHEREAS the Board has received a request to alter the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS the proposed alterations in respect of the Open Cycle Gas Turbine are described as follows:

- Removal of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) plant,
- Removal of Gas Turbine (GT) building,
- Air intake to become external plant component,
- Administration/Store Building (30 metres by 12.5 metres by 10 metres high) to replace the approved stores building and administration and workshop buildings,
- Relocation of car parking,
- Removal of aqueous ammonia tank,
- Demineralised Water Treatment Plant to be provided within three containerised prefabricated structures (12.2 metres by 2.44 metres by 2.9 metres high),
- Separate fin fan cooler blocks to be combined into a single block,
- Ancillary plant elements to be relocated, amended and/or added as required. Such elements include the power module, emergency generator, firefighting foam tank and a minor re-alignment of flood defence wall.

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, not to invite submissions or observations from the public in relation to whether the proposed alteration would constitute the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development concerned,

AND WHEREAS the Board decided, in accordance with section 146B(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, that the proposed alteration would not result in the making of a material alteration to the terms of the development, the subject of the permission,

AND WHEREAS having considered all the documents on file and the Inspector's report, the Board considered that the making of the proposed alterations would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment or on any European Site,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146B(3)(b)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby alters the above-mentioned decision so that the permitted development shall be altered in accordance with the plans and particulars received by An Bord Pleanála on the 20th day of December 2024 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

In coming to its decision, the Board had regard to the following:


- (a) the nature and scale of the proposed alterations,
- (b) the documentation on file, and
- (c) the report of the Inspector.

Having regard to:

- the nature and scale of the development approved under ABP-318540-23 for a proposed Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power plant fuelled by Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) and associated site works,
- the examination of the environmental impact, including in relation to European Sites, carried out in the course of that application,
- the limited nature and scale of the alterations when considered in relation to the overall scale of the approved OCGT development,
- the location of the proposed alterations, within the footprint of the approved OCGT site,
- the absence of any significant new or additional environmental impacts (including in relation to European Sites) arising as a result of the proposed alterations, and

- the report of the Board's inspector, which is adopted,

It is considered that the proposed alterations would not be material. In accordance with section 146B(3)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby makes the said alterations.



Tom Rabbette

Member of An Bord Pleanála

duly authorised to authenticate

the seal of the Board.

Dated this 17th **day of** Feb. **2025.**