



SITE VISIT REPORT: Monday 20th January 2020

Committee Members:

Alderman Boyle, Duddy, Finlay, S McKillop and McKeown

Councillors Anderson, Baird, Dallat O'Driscoll, Hunter (Chair), McGurk, MA

McKillop, McLaughlin (Vice Chair), McMullan, P McShane, Nicholl and Scott

TIME: 11.30AM

- 1. LA01/2019/0132/F Proposed 110/33kv substation approximately 230m North West of 10a Drumbane Road Garvagh and two proposed overhead line connections to the existing 110kv overhead line at Brockaghboy Wind Farm south of Dowlins Bridge Drumbane Road Garvagh. All proposed infrastructure to be located within the townland of Brockaghboy.**

App Type: Full application

Proposal: Full application for construction of a new 110/33kv cluster substation and associated site works. Substation access road, visibility splays, drainage and alteration to watercourse and landscaping planting. Construction of two 110kv overhead electricity lines (1.62km & 1.68km in length) and support structures connecting in and out of the existing 110kv circuit to Brockaghboy Wind Farm. Associated temporary access tracks and working areas. Removal of 0.25km section of the existing 110kv Brockaghboy Wind Farm overhead line connection.

Present: Alderman Boyle, Councillors Hunter, Baird, MA McKillop, McMullan, McShane and official Shane Mathers

Comments: Viewpoint Locations map provided by SONI refers. From the site frontage of the substation, S Mathers explained the main elements of the proposal, how it would allow connection to other consented wind farms and how this would link into the grid system. S Mathers indicated the location of the substation compound relative to existing boundaries. The extent of the conifers on the field boundaries were observed. S Mathers showed members the landscaping plan. S Mathers pointed out the location of the parallel lines entering the substation site and that landscaping in this area was limited to a hedge. The existing, without landscaping and landscaping views at VP01 were shown.

Moving along to VP02, S Mathers displayed the existing, without landscaping and landscaping views at VP02. Members observed these. S Mathers pointed out the location of the overhead lines at this location and the existing strong hedge/ trees across the road which filter views. Members asked whether the occupants of No. 10A Drumbane Road had objected. S Mathers advised that the occupants did object and set out the main issues raised in their objection. A Member queried whether bird deflectors were to be fitted to the overhead lines. S Mathers stated that he would verify this and advise accordingly. Members asked whether the occupants of No. 12 had objected. S Mathers stated that he would verify this and advise accordingly.

Moving along to a mid-position between VP07 and VP08, S Mathers displayed the existing and proposed views for VP06, VP07, VP08 and VP09. Members observed these.

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