

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
County Roscommon

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Energia Renewables ROI Ltd gives notice of its intention to make an application for planning permission to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year planning permission for the following development in the townlands of Turrock, Cronin, Gortaphuill, Glenrevagh, Tullyneeny, Bredagh, Cuilleenirwan, Cuilleenoolagh, Curry, Milltown, Tobermacloughlin, Skeavally, Boleyduff, Clooncaltry, Feacle, Cam, Tawnagh, Cornageeha, Pollalaher, Brideswell, Knocknanool, Ballymullavill, Rooskagh, Bellanamullia, Cloonakille, Monksland and Commeen, Co. Roscommon.

The development will consist of the following:

- I. 20 no. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height of 180 metres, a rotor diameter of 162m and a hub height of 99m, associated foundations, hard-standing areas
- II. 15 no. spoil storage areas at hardstands of turbines no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (in the townlands of Turrock, Gortaphuill, Cronin, and Tullyneeny) and turbines no. 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20 (in the townlands of Milltown, Cuilleenoolagh, Clooncaltry, Feacle and Tawnagh)
- III. Provision of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast with a maximum height of 100 metres for a period of 30 years from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm
- IV. Provision of 1 no. 110kV onsite substation in the townland of Cam, along with associated control buildings, MV switchgear building, associated electrical plant, associated security fencing, and equipment and wastewater holding tank
- V. All underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the proposed wind turbines to the proposed onsite substation and associated control buildings and plant
- VI. All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid via underground 110kV cabling from the site to the existing Athlone 110kV substation located in the townland of Monksland. Cabling will be placed within the public road corridor of the R362, R363 and L2047, or on private land
- VII. Upgrade works to the existing 110kV Athlone substation consisting of the construction of an additional dedicated bay to facilitate connection of the cable
- VIII. Provision of 2 no. new site accesses north and south from the R363 and upgrade of 1 no. junction south of the R363
- IX. Provision of new access tracks/roads and upgrade of existing access tracks/roads
- X. 7 no. overburden storage areas
- XI. 2 no. temporary construction compounds
- XII. Site drainage works
- XIII. Operational stage site signage
- XIV. All associated site development works, apparatus and signage

The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 30-year turbine operational period from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompanies this planning application.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 13th June 2022 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday-Friday)

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- The Offices of Roscommon County Council, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, County Roscommon, F42 VR98 (9:30am – 1pm; 2:00pm-4:30pm, Monday - Friday)

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.sevenhillswindfarm.ie

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or via the Board’s website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations> during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 1st August 2022. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers)

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to ‘A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ at www.pleanala.ie). The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a)
 - (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) Refuse permission to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical Information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.