

SITE NOTICE
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
County Cork & County Kerry

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Gortyrhilly Wind Designated Activity Company, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works in the townlands of Cahernacaha (Cathair na Cáithe), Gortnabinna (Gort na Binne), Derryfineen (Doire Fhínín), Gortyrhilly (Gort Uí Raithile), Rath West (An Ráth Thiar), Derree (Na Doirí), Fuhiry (Na Foithrí), Derreenaculling (Doire an Chuilinn), Lumnagh Beg (An Lománach Bheag), Lumnagh More (An Lománach Mhór), Scrahanagown (Screathan na nGamhan), Bardinch (Barr d'Ínse), Milleeny (Na Millíní), Inchamore (An Inse Mhór), Derreenaling (An Doirín Álainn), Coolea (Cúil Aodha), Gortnatubbrid (Gort na Tiobraid), Murnaghbeg (An Muirneach Beag), Slievreagh (An Sliabh Riabhach), Togher (An Tóchar), Caherdowney (Cathair Dhúnaigh), County Cork and Derryreag (Doire Aimhréidh), Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic), Glashacormick (Glaise Chormaic), Clydaghroe (An Chlaoideach Rua) and Cummeennabuddoge (Coimín na Bodóige) County Kerry.

The proposed development will consist of the following:

- Construction of 14 No. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height ranging from 179m to 185m inclusive. The wind turbines will have a rotor diameter ranging from 149m to 155m inclusive and a hub height ranging from 102.5m to 110.5m inclusive.
- Construction of permanent turbine hardstands and turbine foundations.
- Construction of one temporary construction compound with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing.
- Installation of one (35-year life cycle) meteorological mast with a height of 110m and a 4m lightning pole on top.
- Development of two on-site borrow pits.
- Construction of new permanent internal site access roads, upgrade of existing internal site access roads and upgrading of the L-34011-20 road (which forms part of the Beara-Breifne Way) and lies within the site, to include passing bays and all associated drainage infrastructure.
- Development of an internal site drainage network and sediment control systems.
- Construction of 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing and gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, and all ancillary structures and works.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substation.
- Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction of the development.
- All works associated with the permanent connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid comprising a 110 kV underground cable in permanent cable ducts from the proposed, permanent, on-site substation, in the townland of Gortyrhilly (Gort Uí Raithile) and onto the townlands of Derree (Na Doirí), Derreenaculling (Doire an Chuilinn), Lumnagh Beg (An Lománach Bheag), Lumnagh More (An Lománach Mhór), Scrahanagown (Screathan na nGamhan), Bardinch (Barr d'Ínse), Milleeny (Na Millíní), Inchamore (An Inse Mhór), Derreenaling (An Doirín Álainn), Derryreag (Doire Aimhréidh), Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic), Glashacormick (Glaise Chormaic), Clydaghroe (An Chlaoideach Rua) and Cummeennabuddoge (Coimín na Bodóige) to the existing Ballyvouskill (Baile Uascail) 220 kV Substation in the townland of Caherdowney (Cathair Dhúnaigh).
- All associated site development works including berms, landscaping, and soil excavation.
- Improvement of an entrance to an existing private road off the L-7405-0 local road to include localised widening of the road and creation of a splayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries.
- Improvement of an existing site entrance off the L-3402-36 local road to include removal of existing vegetation for visibility splays to facilitate the use of it for the delivery of construction materials to the site.
- Upgrade works on the turbine delivery route to include the following:
 - Construction of a temporary bridge over the Sullane River (Abha an tSuláin) to allow access to the L-3400-79 from the N22 in Ballyvourney (Baile Bhuirne) for the duration of the construction works.
 - Localised widening of the L-3405-0 road to a width of 4.5m, from the junction with the L3400-79 road to the junction with the L-7405-0 road.
 - Localised widening of the L-7405-0 road to a width of 4.5m, from the junction with the L-3405-0 to the entrance to an existing private road off the L-7405-0.
 - The construction of a temporary access road off the N22 in the townland of Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic) to facilitate a 180 degrees turning manoeuvre by the turbine delivery vehicles.

This application is seeking a ten-year permission and a 35 year operational period from the date of overall commissioning of the entire wind farm.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 16th September 2022 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- The Offices of Cork County Council, Ground Floor, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC.
- The Offices of Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Ratass, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 H7VT.

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

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and (iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of 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 4th of November 2022**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) 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; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations 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. (For further details please see 'A Guide to Public participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website 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 it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse 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 under the heading "Information on cases / Weekly lists" – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed



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