



Planning Section,  
Offaly County Council,  
Áras an Chontae,  
Tullamore,  
Co. Offaly.

**Our Ref:** 171221  
**Your Ref:**

20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Re: Section 37E Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Wind Farm Development and Associated Works, County Offaly.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd., please find enclosed a planning application for the proposed construction of a wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) in the townlands of Balliver, Derryad (Eglish by), Broughal, Derrymullin and Loughderry, Carrick (Garrycastle by), Drinagh, Clongawny More, Galros East, Cloonacullina, Galros West, Clooneen, Guernal, Coolreagh or Cloghanhill, Kilcamin, Cortullagh or Grove, Lumcloon, Crancreagh, Mullaghakaraun Bog, Dernaflanny, Stonestown, Derrinlough, Timolin, Ballindown, Co. Offaly.

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála to the applicant on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 following pre-application consultations with the Board (Case Number ABP-303157-18), a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with this letter for completeness.

The development description as per the public notices is as follows:

- i. 21 No. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height of up to 185 metres and all associated hard-standing areas.*
- ii. 2 No. permanent Anemometry Masts up to a height of 120 metres.*
- iii. Provision of new and upgraded internal site access roads, passing bays, amenity pathways, amenity carpark and associated drainage.*
- iv. 2 No. permanent underpasses in the townland of Derrinlough. One underpass will be located beneath the N62 and one will be located beneath an existing Bord na Móna rail line.*
- v. 1 No. 110 kV electrical substation, which will be constructed in the townland of Cortullagh or Grove. The electrical substation will have 2 No. control buildings, associated electrical plant and equipment and a wastewater holding tank.*
- vi. 5 No. temporary construction compounds, in the townlands of Clongawny More, Derrinlough, Derrinlough/Crancreagh, Drinagh and Cortullagh or Grove.*
- vii. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed electrical substation.*



- viii. 2 No. temporary security cabins at the main construction site entrances in the townland of Derrinlough.
- ix. All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be to the existing Dallow/Portlaoise/Shannonbridge 110 kV line.
- x. Removal of existing meteorological mast.
- xi. Upgrade of existing access and temporary improvements and modifications to existing public road infrastructure to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads including locations on the N52 and N62; construction access for delivery of construction materials at locations on the N62 and R357; operational access onto L7009 in the townland of Cortullagh or Grove and amenity access off R357 and L7005.
- xii. All associated site works and ancillary development including signage.
- xiii. A 10-year planning permission and 30-year operational life 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 relation to the project and accompanies this planning application.”*

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application documentation includes a copy of the EIAR Portal Notice. The correspondence issued confirms the EIA portal ID number for the project (2020029) and that the details have been uploaded onto the Department’s portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
  - Planning Application Form
  - Site Notice
  - Newspaper Notice
  - EIAR Portal Conformation (2020029)
  - Planning Cover Letters (Offaly County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
  - Letters of Consent from Relevant Landowners
  - Copy of Notification Letters Sent to Prescribed Bodies
  - SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00 (Paid by EFT)
- Planning Application Drawings (See schedule of application form)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
  - Volume 1- EIAR Text including Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
  - Volume 2- Photomontages
  - Volume 3a- EIAR Appendices 2.1 - 7.3
  - Volume 3b- EIAR Appendices 7.4 – 14.1
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Please find 5 hard copies and 5 electronic copies of the planning application pack enclosed with this letter. An Bord Pleanála have also received 3 hard copies and 7 electronic copies also. All prescribed bodies as identified are being provided with application documentation in the format which they have requested.

I trust that you have all the information you require to review the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,



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Senior Planner,

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Encl:

- > An Bord Pleanála confirmation letter
- > EIAR Portal Conformation



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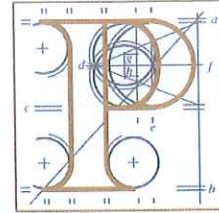
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**Our Case Number:** ABP-303157-18

**Your Reference:** Bord na Móna plc



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**Date:** 25 November 2019

**Re: Wind Farm  
Derrinlough, Co. Offaly.**

A Chara,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed. Enclosed is a copy of the Inspector's report with a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

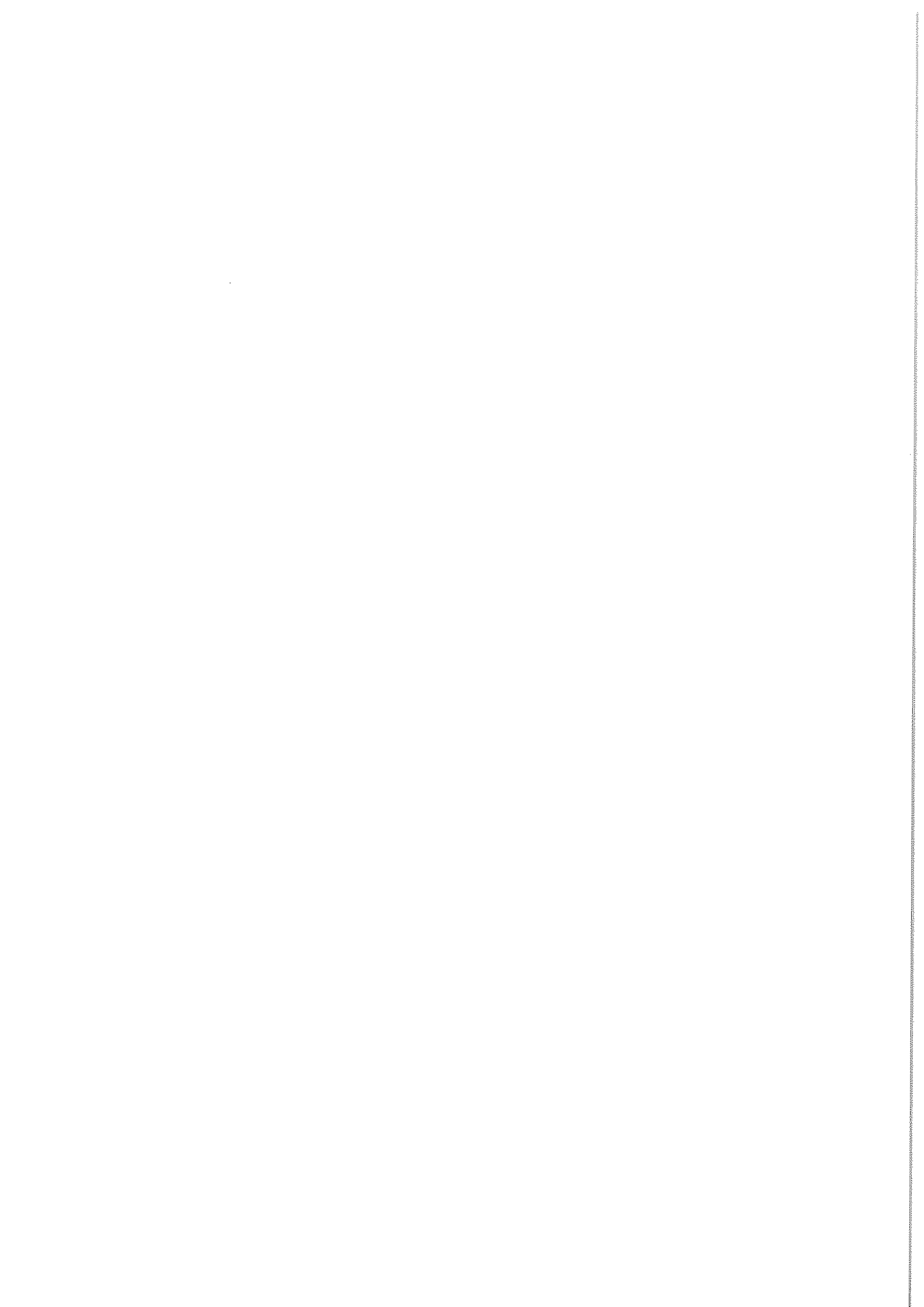
Yours faithfully,

*Rob Mac Giollarnáth*

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## Paul Sweeney

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**From:** EIAportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 18 February 2020 11:51  
**To:** Paul Sweeney  
**Subject:** EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2020029 Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd

A Chara,

An EIA Portal notification was received on 17/02/2020 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 18/02/2020 under EIA Portal ID number **2020029** and is available to view at

<http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

**Portal ID:** 2020029

**Competent Authority:** An Bord Pleanála

**Applicant Name:** Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd

**Location:** Derrinlough, and other townlands County Offaly (See Site Notice for full list of townlands)

**Description:** Wind farm development of 21 no. turbines, 110kv substation, all associated works including amenity pathway and carpark.

**Linear Development:** no

**Date Uploaded to Portal:** 18/02/2020

**Morgan O Reilly**

*EIA Portal team*

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