

SITE NOTICE
Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
County Offaly

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten year permission in relation to the following proposed development 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, Dernafanny, Stonestown, Derrinlough, Timolin, Ballindown, Co. Offaly

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- 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.

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 27th February 2020 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Rd, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

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

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

1. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
2. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
3. The likely significant 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 16th April 2020. 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 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.

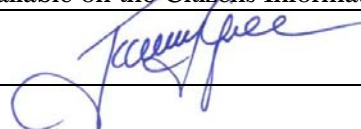
The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to ‘A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ at www.pleanala.ie)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to –

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission/approval 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/approval

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 Rule 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: Information on cases / Weekly lists – Judicial Review of Planning Decisions. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed	 (MKO, Tuam Road, Galway (Agent))
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