



Eimear Harte,
An Chomhairle Ealaíon,
70 Merrion Square,
Dublin 2.

Our Ref: 171221
Your Ref:

20th February 2020

Re: Section 37E Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Wind Farm Development & Associated Works, at Derrinlough and other townlands, County Offaly.

Dear Ms. Harte,

On behalf of our clients, Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd, please find enclosed a copy of all planning application documentation for the proposed construction of a wind farm development and all associated works located in the townlands of Balliver, Derryad (Eglisby), 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 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.”

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as ‘Strategic Infrastructure Development’ (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). An Bord Pleanála have required that we directly consult the An Chomhairle Ealaíon as a prescribed body. As such we have attached 1 CD copy of the submitted documentation as previous contact with your office has indicated that this was your preference. All documentation can also be found at www.derrinloughwindfarmplanning.ie. The CD contains the following information:

- › 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)

You are advised that the Board may in respect of an application for permission 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 to grant the permission/approval



Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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 significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board no later than 5.30 p.m. on the 16th of April 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Jimmy Green,

Senior Planner,

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