



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
CD-020805-25
ABP-318666-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 26/09/2025. The Commission decided to serve a notice on the prospective Applicant, pursuant to Section 37(B)(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, stating that it is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a Strategic Infrastructure Development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Act for the reasons and considerations set out below.

The Commission also agreed with the Inspector's recommendation that the prospective Applicant consult with the prescribed bodies listed in Appendix 1 below regarding any future application for approval.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed Ballincor windfarm and related development, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development, as described above, constitutes development that falls within the definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, thereby satisfying the requirements set out in Section 37A(1) of the Act. The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), 37A(2)(b) and 37A(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Therefore, an application for permission for the proposed development must be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Planning

Commissioner:

Eamonn James Kelly

Date: 26/09/2025

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Appendix 1

The following is a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act.

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
- Offaly County Council
- Tipperary County Council
- Uisce Éireann
- The Commission for Energy Regulation
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Environmental Protection Agency
- The Heritage Council
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Department of Defence
- Office of Public Works
- ESB
- EirGrid
- Health and Safety Authority
- HSE

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.