



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Direction
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The Inspector's report and file documentation was considered at a Commission meeting held on the 23/06/2025. The Commission generally agreed with the Inspector's recommendation. The Commission is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of section 37A of the Act of 2000 for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed windfarm and related development, and to the strategic and regional planning policy context, it is considered that the proposed development comprising 17 wind turbines, with a stated combined power output range of between 75MW and 95MW, and associated infrastructure on lands at Carrigeen, Ballincurra, Ballinlee South, Ballingayrou, Ballinbea, Knockuregare, Ballinlee North and Camas South townlands, west of Bruff in County Limerick, 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 said Act.

The proposed development is considered to be of strategic economic importance to the State and the southern region, and would contribute substantially to the fulfilment of objectives in the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region, and, accordingly, would satisfy the provisions of sections 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. An application for permission for the proposed development must,

therefore, be made directly to An Coimisiun Pleanála under section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The following is a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant for the purposes of this proposed development and section 37E(3)(c) of the Act of 2000:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Development Applications Unit);
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications;
- Limerick City and County Council;
- Tipperary County Council;
- Southern Regional Assembly;
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland;
- An Taisce;
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon;
- Fáilte Ireland;
- The Heritage Council;
- Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- Uisce Éireann;
- Health Service Executive;
- Irish Aviation Authority;
- The Commission for Energy Regulation.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

**Planning
Commissioner:**



Tom Rabbette

Date: 23/06/2025