



An
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Pleanála

Commission Order ABP-309306M-21

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Amendment of Commission Order

Planning Authority: Kilkenny County Council

Development Concerned: The construction of 21 number wind turbines and ancillary works. The turbines will have a maximum blade tip height of up to 185 metres above the top of the foundation level and will be accessible from internal access routes within the site. Works to include the following:

- Erection of 21 number wind turbines with an overall blade tip height of up to 185 metres and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine.
- Improvement of existing site entrance with access onto the R704 regional road, vertical realignment of the R704 in proximity to this entrance, and creation of two new site entrances on the L7451 to form a new crossing point.
- Improvements and temporary modifications to existing public road infrastructure to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads and turbine delivery and construction access at two locations on the R704 in the townland of Ballynoony West.
- Construction of 2 number temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing.

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- Installation of 1 number permanent meteorological mast up to a height of 100 metres.
- Three number borrow pits.
- Construction of new internal site access roads and upgrade of existing site roads, to include passing bays and all associated drainage.
- Construction of drainage and sediment control systems.
- Construction of 1 number permanent 110kV electrical substation including:
- Two number control buildings containing worker welfare facilities and equipment store, all electrical plant and infrastructure and grid ancillary services equipment, parking, security fencing, wastewater holding tank, rainwater harvesting equipment, all associated infrastructure and services including site works and signage.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm substation.
- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a loop-in 110 kV underground cable connection approximately 4 kilometres in length to the existing overhead 110 kV line in the townland of Ballyvool, County Kilkenny, with two new 16-metre-high steel lattice loop-in/out masts at the connection point.
- All related site works and ancillary development including berms, landscaping, and soil excavation.
- Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development and any onsite forestry replanting.
- Development of a permanent public car park with seating/picnic tables at the end of the construction phase of the development on the footprint of the southern temporary construction compound, and
- Permanent recreational facilities including marked walking and cycling trails along the site access roads, and associated recreation and amenity signage and outdoor fitness equipment.

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- A 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought. The area of site to which the application relates is 271.2 hectares.

All within the townlands of Castlecosker, Derrynahinch, Kiltorcan, Coolroe Beg, Baunskeha, Castlebanny, Kilvinoge, Cappagh, Coolnahau, Ballytarsna, Mullennakill, Glenpipe, Ballymartin, Ballyvatheen, Ballynoony West, Derrylacky, Garrandarragh, Ballygegan and Ballyvool, County Kilkenny.

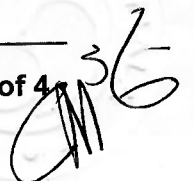
WHEREAS the Commission made a decision to grant permission subject to conditions, in relation to the above-mentioned development by Order dated the 26th day of September 2022:

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Commission that a clerical error had occurred in Condition number 8(a) (bullet point 3) of the Commission's decision,

AND WHEREAS the Commission considered that the correction of the above-mentioned error would not result in a material alteration of the terms of the development the subject of the permission or decision,

AND WHEREAS having regard to the nature of the issue involved, the Commission decided not to invite submissions in relation to the matter from any person who had made submissions or observations to the Commission in relation to the permission/other matter.

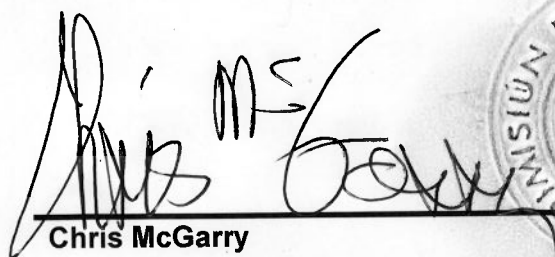
NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 146A(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby amends the above-mentioned decision so that Condition number 8 of its Order shall be as follows:

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8. The following design requirements shall be complied with:

- (a) The wind turbines will be constructed to one of the following fixed dimensions:
- Tip height of 185 metres, hub height of 107.5 metres, rotor diameter of 155 metres.
 - Tip height of 185 metres, hub height of 110.5 metres, rotor diameter of 149 metres,
 - Tip height of **182.5 metres**, hub height of 105 metres, rotor diameter of 155 metres.
- (b) Cables within the site shall be laid underground.
- (c) The wind turbines shall be geared to ensure that the blades rotate in the same direction.
- (d) No advertising material shall be placed on or otherwise be affixed to any structure on the site without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity.


Chris McGarry

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.

Dated this 7th day of July 2025