



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

## Record of Meeting

**ABP-320137-24**

<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	Proposed development of a 9 number wind turbine renewable energy project and 110kV on site substation in the townlands of Cushina, Clonsast Lower and Chevychase or Derrynadarragh near Bracknagh, in County Offaly and the townlands of Aughrim and Derrylea near Monastervin in County Kildare.		
<b>Case Type</b>	Pre-application consultation		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	12/12/2024	<b>Start Time</b>	11:00am
<b>Location</b>	MS Teams	<b>End Time</b>	11:10am

### Representing An Bord Pleanála

Una Crosse, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)

Laura Finn, Senior Planning Inspector

Lauren Murphy, Executive Officer

### Representing the Prospective Applicant

Robyn Nicholl, Fehily Timoney

Nicholas Lyons, Dara Energy Limited

Maria Fitzgerald, Dara Energy Limited

## **Introduction**

The Board welcomed the prospective applicant to the meeting and introduced those attending from the Board. The Board gave the prospective applicant an opportunity to introduce its team.

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 requesting a third pre-application consultation meeting under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

### **Presentation made by the prospective applicant:**

The prospective applicant began the presentation by advising the Boards representatives that following from legal advice they received, they do not intend on seeking a design flexibility opinion on the proposed wind turbine or the grid connection aspect of the proposed development.

The prospective applicant advised that the proposed development is intended to consist of 9 number wind turbines, the wind turbine specification proposed was set out in the presentation.

The prospective applicant concluded the presentation by providing a brief overview of the proposed grid connection aspect of the development which will involve the construction of a new onsite 110kV substation with a 110kV underground cable connecting to the Bracklone Substation, which is currently under construction.

### **Discussion:**

- The Boards representatives began the discussion by noting that the prospective applicant has clarified that they do not wish to seek a design flexibility opinion on the proposed development.
- The Boards representatives asked the prospective applicant to clarify if the proposed locations of the wind turbines have been altered since the first meeting. The prospective applicant advised that the proposed turbine locations have not been altered.

- The representatives of the Board asked the prospective applicant to provide an update on their consultations with relevant bodies. The prospective applicant informed the Board's representatives that they had distributed an Environmental Impact Assessment Report scoping document to all parties consulted on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024, with a deadline of February 2025 for responses and feedback to be submitted.
- The Boards representatives advised the prospective applicant that consultations with the Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) and the Office of Public Works (OPW) would be advisable prior to submitting the application to address any issues or concerns they may have in relation to the proposed development, and particularly the bridge crossing, which was discussed in the first meeting.
- The prospective applicant explained that the purpose of the third pre-application meeting was to clarify their intention to submit a single turbine option and a single grid route option as part of their application for the proposed development. However, they informed the Boards representatives that they do not plan to conclude the pre-application process until they have finalized the proposal description.

#### **Conclusion:**

The Board's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Board's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 11:10.



**Una Crosse**

**Assistant Director of Planning**