



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of 3rd Meeting ABP-321711-25

Case Reference / Description	10 no. turbine wind farm located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largan, Co. Roscommon		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	3 rd Meeting		
Date	10/02/2026	Start Time	11:30am
Location	Virtually	End Time	12:45pm

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant requesting a second pre-application meeting and referred to the second meeting held on 17th June 2025.

Presentation:

The prospective applicant set out their presentation, which is attached to the file.

Discussion:

Update on Development Proposal/Development Description

- Revised locations of turbines discussed, minor adjustments have been made since last meeting.
- Dimension of turbines discussed, T1, T2 and T3 are proposed as a larger turbine than the others and outlined that clarity is required in the public notice as to which proposed turbine dimension is proposed for the turbine/s location noting that this is not design flexibility but is defined turbine sizes for particular turbine locations.

Biodiversity including Habitats & Ornithology

- Potential effects on Marsh fritillary.
- Impacts on peatland habitats and aquatic ecology.
- Accurate classification of habitats advised, associations with Annex I quality habitat.
- ACP advised prospective applicant to quantify losses of Annex I blanket bog habitat and provide a justification for same.
- Advised to clearly describe approach to habitat restoration to ensure no net loss as minimum.
- Prospective applicant confirmed survey effort for vantage point and hen harrier (winter) and duration of surveys clarified.

- Advised that Hen harrier was not considered in collision risk as recorded in low numbers as below threshold for assessment.
- ACP advised prospective applicant to use updated Nature Scot (2024) Collision Risk Model and include data (CRM Spreadsheet) in appendix.
- Appropriate population level to be considered in evaluation of significance of impacts. National estimates may not be appropriate
- Magnitude of effect (residual) to be included in overall impact significance (e.g. low/ moderate) even if not considered 'significant' in terms of EIA definitions for target species.
- Discussion to be had with NPWS with respect to whether derogation required in relation to bats.

Land & Soil

- ACP advised that peat susceptibility assessment is robust and clearly outlines findings.
- Impacts Soil deposition areas around the site, off site disposal will be used where necessary.
- Rock excavated from the site proposed for use in construction of the project.
- Application to confirm if any imported materials to be used on the site for hardstanding and any associated impact from this with respect to run-off and pH values.

Hydrology & Hydrogeology

- ACP advised prospective applicant to set out a methodology to prevent bursts/slippages of excavated materials.
- If any materials are imported for groundwork on site, it is advised that any chemical impacts which may arise are addressed.
- If the drainage infrastructure will remain on site during the decommissioning process, long term monitoring / management to be considered in the application.

Landscape & Visual

- Documentation to clarify life of adjacent existing wind farm operation.
- Distances to existing Largan Hill Wind Farm to be confirmed and annotated on plans, detailing distances between existing and proposed turbines.
- Potential effect on cultural heritage to be assessed including heritage sites which may not be publicly accessible.

Noise & Vibration

- Noise monitoring points were chosen as to not have existing Largan Hill Wind Farm included, and any noise from existing Largan Hill Wind Farm was removed.
- No areas of low background noise encountered during surveying.
- Noise character (AM and tonal) to be addressed in operational mitigation.

Shadow Flicker

- Shadow flicker will be expected to be eliminated in line with 2019 draft guidelines.

Aviation

- Confirmation required of any mitigation which may be required with respect to Ireland West Airport.

Conclusion:

The Commission'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 Commission's representatives advised that the record of the 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 12:45pm.



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