



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

## Record of Meeting ACP-323048-25 (PCX)

<b>Case Reference / Description</b>	Proposed development of Lissinagroagh Wind Farm consisting of 14 wind turbines and ancillary development located approximately 3km Northeast of Manorhamilton, County Leitrim.		
<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>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	27/01/2026	<b>Start Time</b>	11:00am
<b>Location</b>	MS Teams	<b>End Time</b>	1:00pm

### Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála

Una Crosse, Assistant Director of Planning, Chair

Tomas Bradley, Senior Planning Inspector

Maeve Flynn, Senior Ecologist

Finbarr Quigley, Senior Environmental Scientist

Lauren Murphy, Executive Officer

### Representing the Prospective Applicant

Sinéad Ryan, Tobin

Brian McDonnell, Tobin

Louise Byrne, Tobin

Meadhbh Costigan, Tobin
John Dillon, Tobin
Duncan Wastson, SLR Consulting
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## **Introduction**

The Commission's referred to the correspondence received from the prospective applicant requesting this second meeting and to the first meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The Commission's representatives also mentioned the general procedures for the pre-application consultation process referenced at the first meeting which remain applicable.

## **Presentation**

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

## **Discussion**

### Biodiversity & Ornithology

- Advised that two pairs of Hen Harriers in the area of the proposed windfarm are of national significance a key nature conservation consideration.
- Advised that most up to date guidance and scientific evidence is included in the assessments
- Applicant discussed their engagement with the NPWS and have received no further feedback in terms of the proposed mitigation plan.

- Applicant advised they have followed national and best practice guidance.
- Advised to have regard to the NPWS Hen Harrier Threat Response Plan as part of the application documentation.
- Applicant advised they have assessed feedback the NPWS has given on other projects in terms of hen harriers.
- Advised to ensure that the most up to date bird collision risk model (Nature Scott 2024) is used.
- Applicant advised that in terms breeding birds, Woodcock and snipe have been identified; Woodcock collision risk is zero. Snipe are breeding near the site, but they are not predicting significant impacts.
- Applicant advised that no Whooper swan migration paths identified within the 500-metre potential collision risk zone.
- Applicant advised that low collision risk is predicted for White tailed eagle, Kestrel and Golden Plover.
- 2025 data will be the most up to date survey data included in the planning application documents.
- All biodiversity enhancement lands will be included in the red line boundary
- Advised that adjacent NHA is addressed within the EIAR.
- Outlined that Lough Melvin SAC will be addressed within the NIS.

#### General Matters

- Advised to have all surveys and data up to date when submitting the planning application.
- Advised that the SID determination will include a schedule of information to inform the RED III completeness check.
- In respect of the potential for transboundary effects, the applicant was advised that further procedural advice on this matter would be provided if required.

#### Hydrology & Hydrogeology

- Advised that T3 stands out in terms of habitats surrounding it and to ensure that direct and indirect impacts are assessed in terms of hydrology.
- Surface water management plan noted, advised that inclusion of worked examples of proposed drainage infrastructure around the proposed infrastructure would be useful.
- The bridge construction upgrade and proposed culvert upgrade is noted.
- Advised all proposals for surface water management have been tested to operate during high rain fall events.
- Noted that where swallow holes are present, surface water is managed to avoid discharges entering these features.
- Ground water flow is connected to the local streams, very little flow in some of the streams located on site and majority of streams located on site have a permanent flow.
- The Commission note the number of karst features identified on site, applicant clarified that these have been identified from their studies and have yet to be GIS mapped.
- A standalone Karst Report will be submitted as part of the planning application.

#### Peat Stability

- Applicant advised that a 30-metre buffer is proposed for assessing drainage impacts on peat lands
- Applicant advised they are following NatureScot Guidelines and avoided active peat land habitats
- Peat is identified in the north of the proposed development site with the areas identified localised.
- Peat within the forestry area of the proposed development site is located on private lands which would have been used as turbary.
- Advised that the interaction between peat and groundwater needs to be robustly considered within the EIAR.

- Advised that the proposed development site has been identified as an area highly susceptible to peat slides which requires robust consideration within the documentation.
- Applicant advised peat depth probing and trail pits have taken place in areas in vicinity of the proposed turbines and new access roads.
- Applicant advised walk over surveys have been carried out and GSI information has been used to assess peat on the site.
- Commission advised the applicant to refer to the GSI/NPWS 2024 Document *Data Gaps Related to Impact Assessments and Planning* and ensure relevant considerations included in EIAR Chapter.
- Applicant advised that there are no areas of intact peat lands of active blanket bog located on site.

#### Noise & Shadow Flicker

- Background noise and modelling have been carried out.
- Advised that justification should be provided for noise limits, both day and nighttime due to the low background noise levels.
- Operational mitigation strategy for noise character – AM and tonal noise – to be provided.

#### Consultations

- GSI had no site-specific issues following consultations.
- IFI responded to a scoping report issued to them in 2021, with no further response to the scoping document issued in 2024.
- No landscape or visual issues, in addition to those already considered in the assessment, have been specifically identified during the public consultation.
- Public consultations have been ongoing since 2021.
- Wire frame photomontages were created based on feedback received from the CLO's following public consultations.

Other

- Schedule/compendium of potential effects with magnitude of significance recommended.
- Prospective Applicant advised that summaries at the start of each chapter of the EIAR are proposed.

SID Status

- Prospective Applicant advised that they want a SID determination as soon as practicable.

The meeting concluded at 1:00pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Una Crosse", is written over a horizontal line.

Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning