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An Coimisiún Pleanála,

MKO, on behalf of our Client, Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited ('the Applicant'), wish to formally request a third pre-planning consultation meeting with An Coimisiún Pleanála with respect to a proposed renewable energy development comprising of a Proposed Wind Farm and Proposed Grid Connection ('the Proposed Project'), located at Killoshulan and adjacent townlands, County Kilkenny.

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In support of this request, please see the Letter attached.

I trust this request is in order and look forward to securing a suitable date and time for the meeting.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Your ref: PC10.314186

Date: 18th August 2026

Re: Request for a Third Pre-Planning Consultation Meeting for a Proposed Wind Farm and Proposed Grid Connection located at Killoshulan and adjacent townlands, County Kilkenny.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the pre-application consultation process in relation to the above-mentioned proposed renewable energy development. MKO, on behalf of our Client, Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited ('the Applicant'), a subsidiary of Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables (AIR) of 5 Pery Square, Limerick, wish to formally request a third pre-planning consultation meeting with An Coimisiún Pleanála ('the Commission') with respect to a proposed renewable energy development comprising of a Proposed Wind Farm and Proposed Grid Connection ('the Proposed Project'), located at Killoshulan and adjacent townlands, County Kilkenny.

Proposals

The anticipated total energy output of the Proposed Wind Farm is in exceedance 50 megawatts ('MW'). Consequently, an application for the Proposed Project will be submitted to the Commission under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('the Planning Act'), as the application will exceed the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) threshold for wind energy set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning Act.

The Proposed Wind Farm is located within a rural area, approximately 3.3 kilometres (km) east of Johnstown and approximately 4 km west of Freshford, Co. Kilkenny. The current Proposed Wind Farm site boundary encompasses lands in the townlands of Killoshulan, Urlingford, Mountfinn, Borrisbeg, Borrismore, Balief Lower, Balief Upper, Clomantagh Lower, Barna, Spahill, Frankford or Ballykieran and Foyle South, Co. Kilkenny

The Proposed Wind Farm will be connected to the national electricity grid via the Proposed Grid Connection, which comprises a new 110kV on-site substation and a 110kV underground electrical cable connecting to the existing 110kV Ballyragget substation in the townland of Moatpark, County Kilkenny. The 110kV on-site substation will form part of the national electricity grid once constructed and energised. The Proposed Grid Connection encompasses lands in the townlands of Frankford or Ballykieran, Foyle South, Coolcashin, Garrydague, Ballygowney, Ballyring Upper, Lisdowney, Seskin Little, Seskin North, Seskin South, Ballyconra and Moatpark, Co. Kilkenny.

The Proposed Project site area measures approximately 598 hectares (ha) in total. The Proposed Wind Farm site topography ranges from approximately 344 metres above ordnance datum (mAOD) at its highest point in the west of the site and approximately 123 mAOD at its lowest point in the south of the site.

The optimal design of the project is still under review with the required studies and assessments to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) currently underway. However preliminary results indicate that the Proposed Project will comprise 11 no. wind turbines, access roads and entrance(s), borrow pit(s), temporary construction compound(s), temporary turbine delivery junction accommodation works, meteorological mast, spoil management areas, biodiversity enhancement areas, battery energy storage system (BESS), on-site 110kV substation and 110kV underground electrical cable connection to the existing 110kV Ballyragget substation. The current Proposed Wind Farm turbine layout is illustrated in Figure 3 enclosed with this request.

The Proposed Grid Connection route connecting the on-site 110kV substation and the existing 110kV Ballyragget substation measures approximately 12.6 km and is illustrated in Figure 1 and Figure 2 enclosed. All proposed cabling connecting the proposed wind turbines, the on-site 110kV substation and the existing 110kV Ballyragget substation will be laid underground.

A description of the current preliminary project profile is outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 Preliminary Project Profile

Location	Site Area	Est MW Output	No. of Turbines	Turbine Envelope	110kV Infrastructure	Grid Connection
Killoshulan, Co. Kilkenny.	c. 797 ha*	c. 70 MW*	11*	Up to 185m tip height and 163m rotor diameter*	110 kV on-site substation and grid connection cabling	c. 12.6 km 110kV underground connection to Ballyragget substation*

**Subject to change*

Pre-Application Consultation to Date

The first and second pre-planning consultation meetings with the Commission took place on 13th October 2022 and 22nd June 2026 respectively, via Microsoft Teams. Additionally, pre-planning meetings were held with Kilkenny County Council (KCC) on the 7th of September 2022 and the 17th of June 2026, both via Microsoft Teams. The purpose of this third meeting with ACP is to provide the Commission with updates regarding the Proposed Project, including the progress of the environmental, ecological and ornithological surveys and assessments undertaken since the second meeting. The meeting will also provide an update on the Proposed Project layout and seek to close out the pre-planning consultation process.

At the second pre-planning consultation meeting with the Commission on 22nd June 2026, MKO confirmed that the Applicant intends to submit an application for the Proposed Project (comprising both the Proposed Wind Farm and the Proposed Grid Connection) to the Commission under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The Commission advised at that meeting that *"the prospective applicant might consider withdrawing the Section 182E pre-application consultation request if it intends including the grid infrastructure in the subject application to avoid any*

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confusion as to the extent of the proposed development". Pursuant to this, a letter dated the 18th of August 2026 withdrawing the Section 182E pre-planning consultation request was submitted to the Commission. We await a response from the Commission on this matter.

The European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 274 of 2025) were published on the 12th of August 2025 which transpose certain articles of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413) into the planning code by introducing amendments to primary and secondary planning legislation. Section 37JA of the Planning Act (as amended) provides that the competent authority shall acknowledge the completeness of relevant applications made under Section 37E of the Planning Act within 45 days.

As the Proposed Project falls within the definition of a 'renewable energy development' under S.I. No. 274 of 2025, the Commission will carry out a completeness check of the submitted application. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the Schedule of Information to inform the Completeness Check with the Commission to ensure that our application is compliant.

We understand that that the Commission, at their discretion, will facilitate this third pre-application consultation meeting to further discuss the Proposed Project, which we would fully welcome. As such, we respectfully request that such a meeting be convened at the earliest convenience of the Commission.

To assist with this request the following figures are enclosed:

- Figure 1: Site Location Map at a scale of 1:70,000
- Figure 2: Location Context Map at a scale of 1:120,000
- Figure 3: Proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm at a scale of 1:25,000

I trust this request is in order and look forward to securing a suitable date and time for the meeting. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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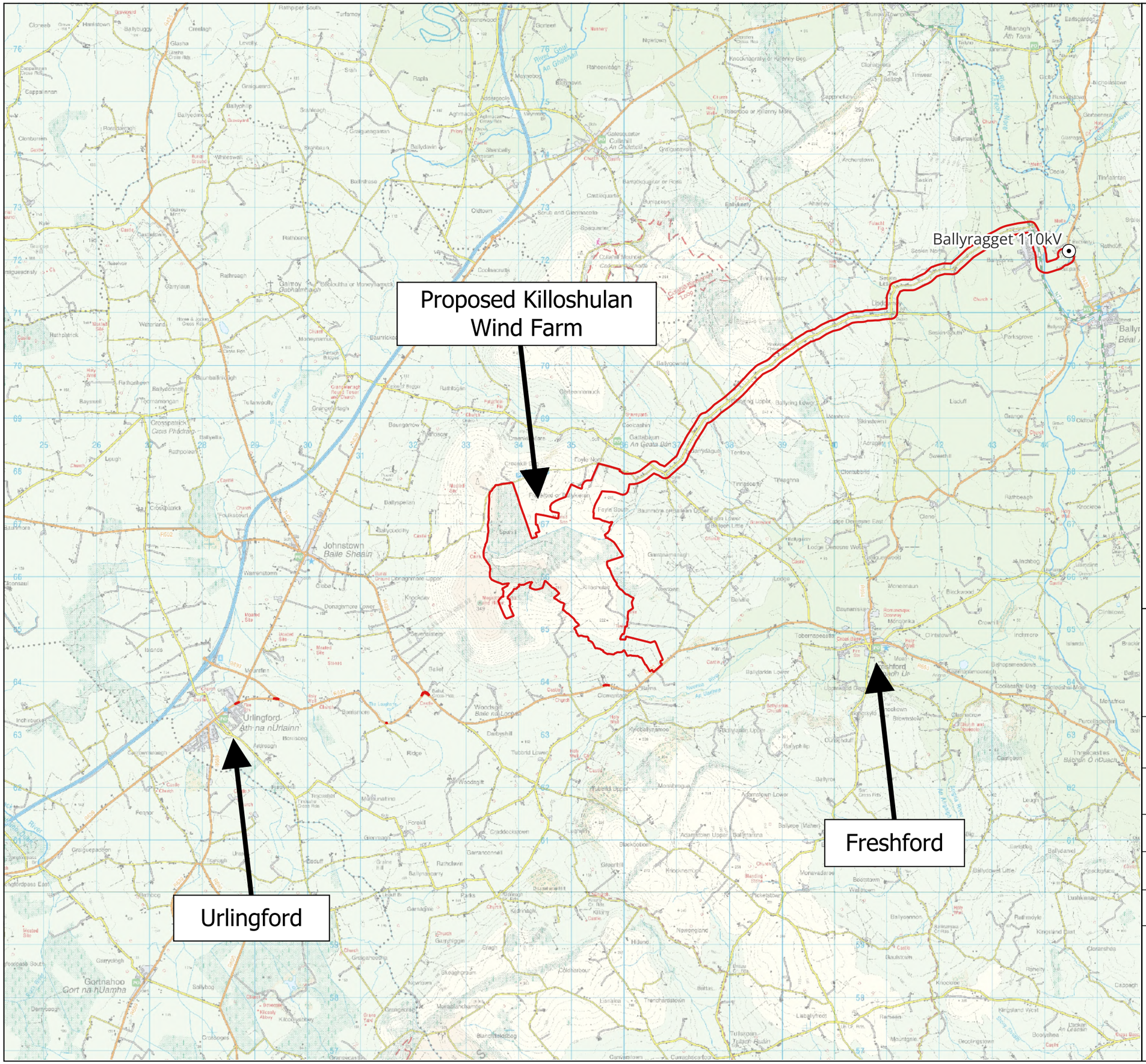
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Map Legend

- EIAR Site Boundary
- Ballyragget 110kV Substation

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Site Location

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AIP Killoshulan Wind Farm

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- County Boundaries

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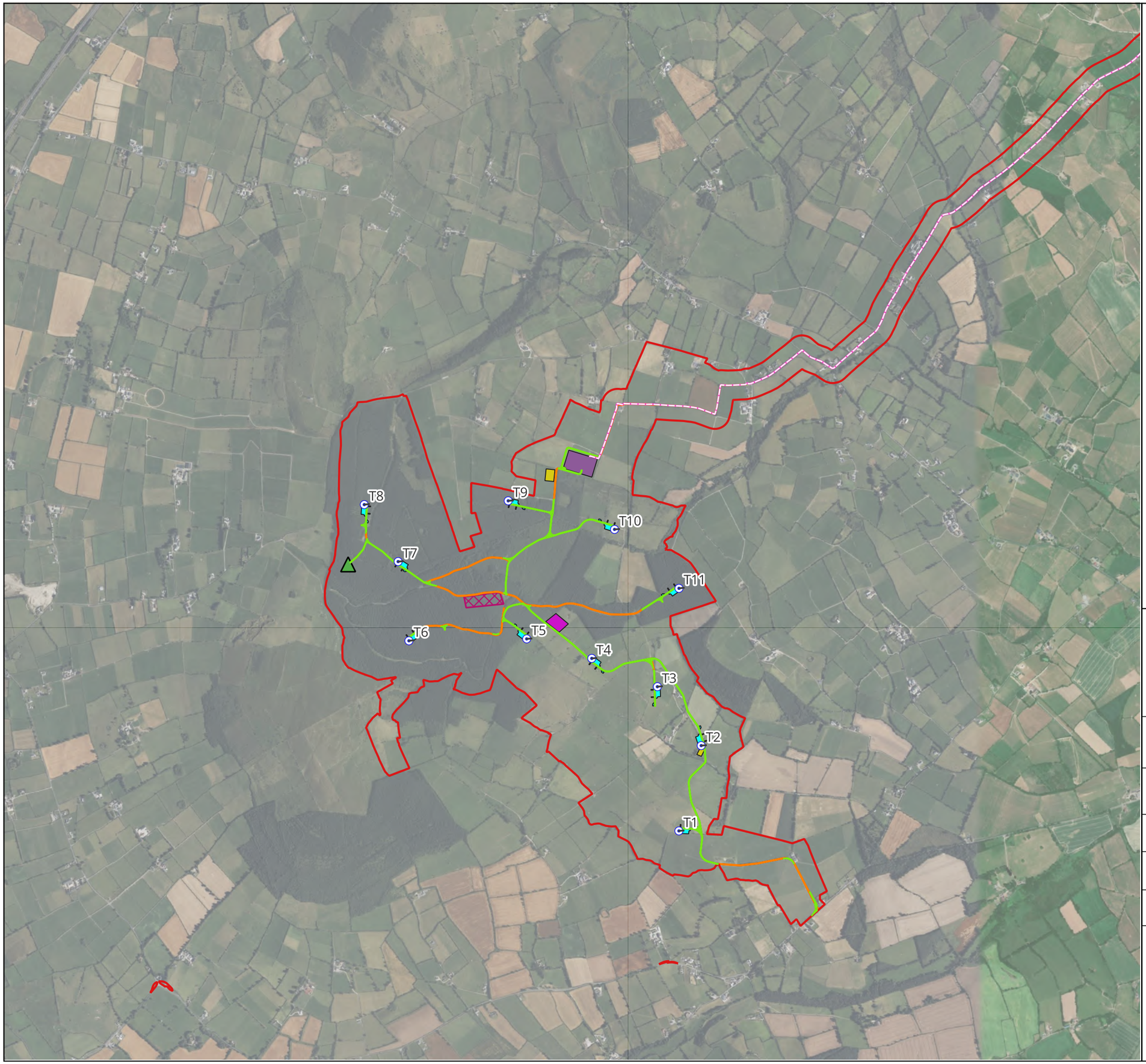
Location Context

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- EIAR Site Boundary
- Proposed Turbine Layout
- Proposed Turbine Hardstands & Cranepads
- Existing Roads to be Upgraded
- Proposed New Roads
- Proposed Construction Compounds
- Porposed Substation and BESS Area
- Proposed Borrow Pit
- Proposed Spoil Management Area
- Proposed Met Mast
- Proposed Grid Connection Route

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Proposed Layout

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