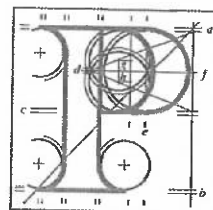


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An  
Bord  
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Transport Infrastructure Ireland  
Land Use Planning  
Parkgate Business Centre  
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Date: 05 May 2023

Re: Wind energy development including 19 turbines and all associated works.  
Townlands of Clogherachullion, Cloghercor, Derryloaghan, Aghayeevoge, Cashelreagh Glebe,  
Darney, Drumard, and Drumnacross Co. Donegal

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Donegal County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
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## Niamh Thornton

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**From:** Landuse Planning <LandUsePlanning@tii.ie>  
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**To:** SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a copy of TII's observations on the above planning application.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael McCormack  
Senior Land Use Planner

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TII23-122300

Re. **Strategic Infrastructure Development – Proposed Wind Energy Development including 19 turbines and all associated works at Cloghercor, Co. Donegal**

ABP Case ref. PA05E.316025

Dear Secretary,

The Authority acknowledges receipt of referral of the above Strategic Infrastructure Development application on behalf of Cloghercor Wind Farm Limited and provides the following observations for the Boards consideration;

It is proposed to address the proposed development in relation to the provisions of official policy and in relation to national road network maintenance and safety.

### 1. Official Policy

The Board will be aware that official policy concerning development management and access to national roads is outlined in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines 'Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (DoECLG, 2012).

Section 2.5 of the DoECLG Guidelines sets out policy that seeks to avoid the creation of additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses (i.e. non-public road access) to national roads, to which speed limits greater than 50 kph apply.

In that regard, the Authority acknowledges that access to all turbine locations is facilitated via the regional and local road network (in the first instance).

### 2. National Road Network Maintenance and Safety

In addition to the above, there are a number of operational issues related to the subject windfarm development proposal, in the Authority's opinion, that are required to be resolved to address concerns relating to network maintenance and road safety prior to any decision on this planning application:

#### 2.1 Proposed Turbine Haul Route

Section 16.7.4 of the EIAR confirms a turbine component haul route from Killybegs to the subject site utilising sections of the N56, national road. Appendix 2.1 details the extent of temporary works required to facilitate turbine component delivery to site.

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The proposed haul route is within County Donegal, the applicant/developer should therefore consult with Donegal County Council to ascertain any operational requirements such as delivery timetabling, etc. and to ensure that the strategic function of the national road network is safeguarded.

In the interests of clarification, any proposed works to the national road network to facilitate turbine component delivery to site shall comply with TII Publications and shall be subject to Road Safety Audit as appropriate. Works should ensure the ongoing safety for all road users and prior to any development necessary licenses, approvals or agreements shall be in place.

TII requests referral of all proposals agreed between the road authority and the applicant impacting on national roads. Mitigation measures identified by the applicant should be included as conditions in any decision to grant permission. Any damage caused to the pavement of the existing national road due to the turning movement of abnormal 'length' loads (eg. tearing of the surface course) shall be rectified in accordance with TII Pavement Standards and details in this regard shall be agreed with the Road Authority prior to the commencement of any development on site.

## **2.2 Structures on Haul Route**

It is unclear if abnormal weight loads are a feature of the application. Any operator who wants to transport a vehicle or load whose weight falls outside the limits allowed by the Road Traffic (Construction Equipment & Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2003, SI 5 of 2003, must obtain a permit for its movement from each Local Authority through whose jurisdiction the vehicle shall travel.

With specific reference to national road structures on the proposed haul route, all structures should be checked by the applicant/developer to confirm their capacity to accommodate any abnormal load proposed.

The Authority has reviewed the EIAR documentation referred and it does not appear that any technical load assessment of structures has been undertaken in support of this proposed application. However, it is acknowledged that abnormal weight loads may not be a feature of turbine or substation component delivery or of the proposed development.

The Authority is of the opinion that an assessment review (by the applicant/developer), where relevant, of all national road structures concerned is required to confirm that all the structures can accommodate the proposed loading associated with the delivery of turbine and substation components where the weight of the delivery vehicle and load exceeds that permissible under the Road Traffic Regulations. The road authority along the haul route should confirm acceptance of proposals by the applicant.

The Authority requests referral of all proposals agreed between the road authority and the applicant impacting on national roads.

## **2.3 Grid Connection Routing**

It is noted that grid connection proposals are accommodated on site and there are no material impacts to the national road network in the area.

## **2.4 Greenways**

In relation to any Greenway proposals in the vicinity of the proposed works, consultation with Donegal County Councils own internal project and/or design staff is recommended.

## **Conclusion**

It is requested that the above matters are taken into consideration prior to any decision on the subject application.

Yours sincerely,



Michael McCormack  
Senior Land Use Planner