

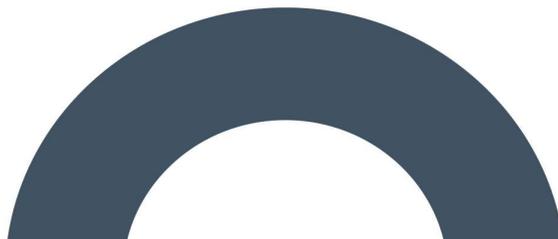
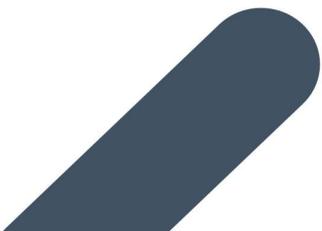
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Carrig Renewables Wind Farm

Carbon Calculations

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Scottish Government's Carbon Calculator - Macauley Institute Model

Payback Time

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	Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving over...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	1,371	1,312	1,432
...grid-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	265	253	276
...fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (t CO2 / yr)	591	566	617
Energy output from windfarm over lifetime (MWh)	47,903	39,275	57,175

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Total CO2 losses due to wind farm (tCO2 eq.)			
2. Losses due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)	37,278	36,624	37,932
3. Losses due to backup	28,742	24,239	33,378
4. Losses due to reduced carbon fixing potential	437	144	822
5. Losses from soil organic matter	12,462	8,599	22,112
6. Losses due to DOC & POC leaching	0	0	0
7. Losses due to felling forestry	4,481	3,658	5,372
Total losses of carbon dioxide	83,400	73,263	99,616

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
8. Total CO2 gains due to improvement of site (t CO2 eq.)			
8a. Change in emissions due to improvement of degraded bogs	0	0	0
8b. Change in emissions due to improvement of felled forestry	0	0	0
8c. Change in emissions due to restoration of peat from borrow pits	0	0	0
8d. Change in emissions due to removal of drainage from foundations & hardstanding	0	0	0
Total change in emissions due to improvements	0	0	0

RESULTS	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Net emissions of carbon dioxide (t CO2 eq.)	83,400	73,263	99,616

Carbon Payback Time	Exp.	Min.	Max.
...coal-fired electricity generation (years)	60.8	51.2	75.9
...grid-mix of electricity generation (years)	315.1	265.1	393.5
...fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (years)	141.1	118.6	176.1

Ratio of soil carbon loss to gain by restoration (not used in Scottish applications)	No gains!	No gains!	No gains!
Ratio of CO2 eq. emissions to power generation (g/kWh) (for info. only)	1741.01	1281.39	2536.34

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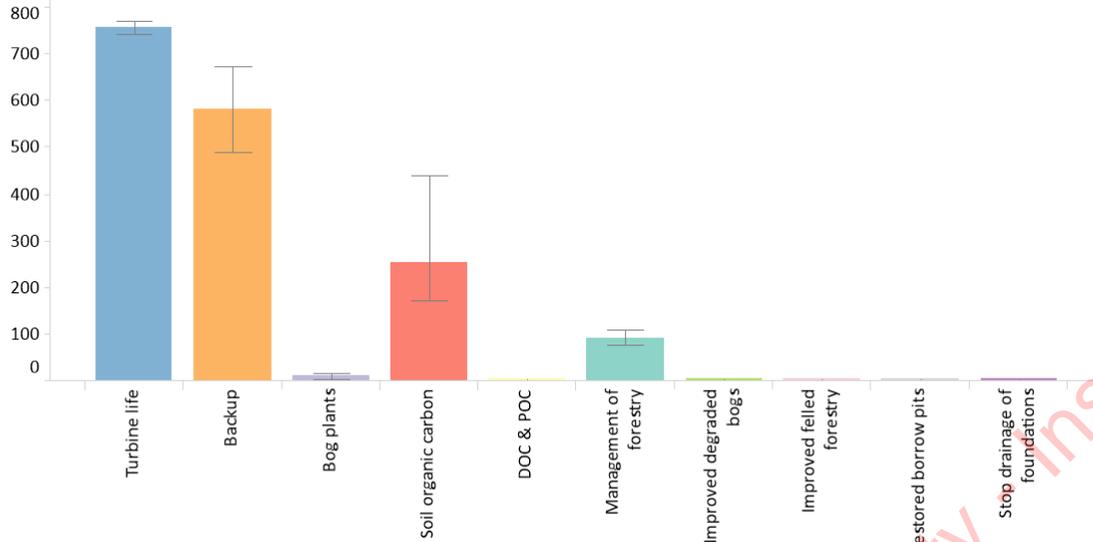
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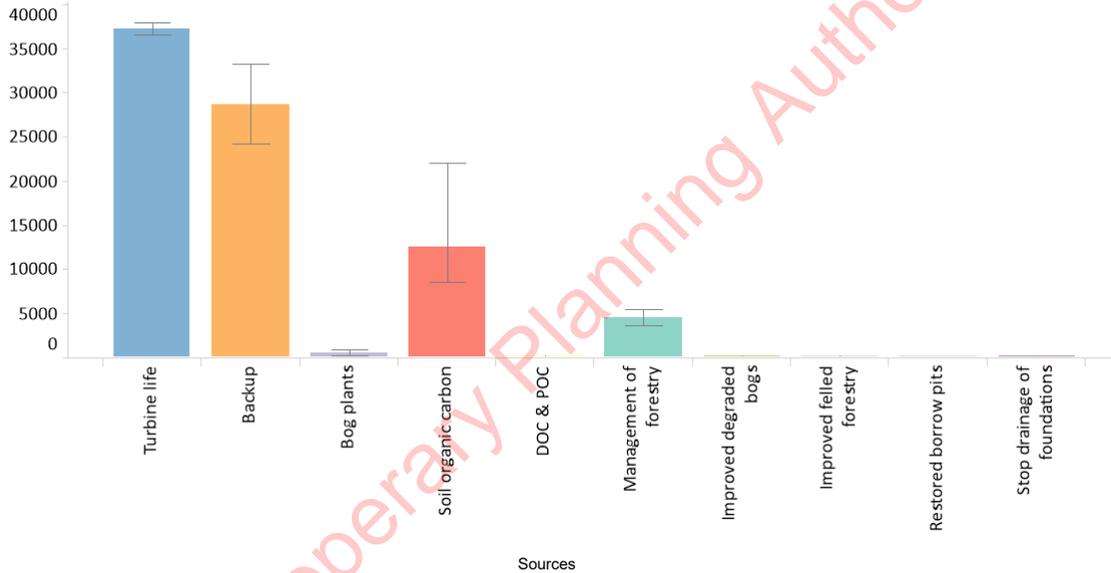
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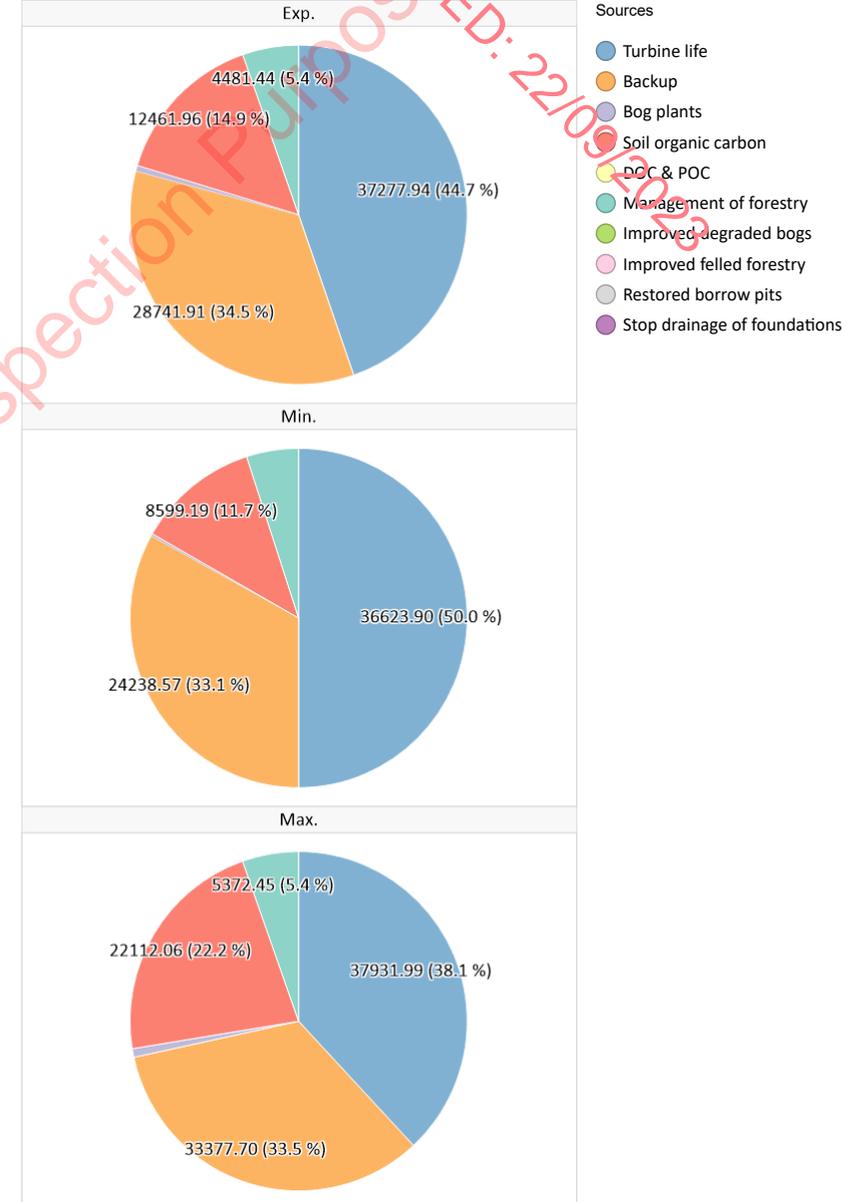
Carbon payback time (months) using fossil-fuel mix as counterfactual



Greenhouse gas emissions (t CO2 eq.)



Proportions of greenhouse gas emissions from different sources



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Carrig Renewable Energy Development

Core input data

Input data	Expected value	Minimum value	Maximum value	Source of data
Windfarm characteristics				
Dimensions				
No. of turbines	7	7	7	Ch 4 Description
Duration of consent (years)	35	30	40	Ch 4 Description
Performance				
Power rating of 1 turbine (MW)	6.2	6.1	6.3	Ch 4 Description
Capacity factor	0.36	0.35	0.37	EirGrid Enduring Connection Policy Constraints Report 2022
Backup				
Fraction of output to backup (%)	5	5	5	SNH Carbon Calculator Guidance
Additional emissions due to reduced thermal efficiency of the reserve generation (%)	10	10	10	Fixed
Total CO2 emission from turbine life (tCO2 MW ⁻¹) (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning)	Calculate wrt installed capacity	Calculate wrt installed capacity	Calculate wrt installed capacity	
Characteristics of peatland before windfarm development				
Type of peatland	Acid bog	Acid bog	Acid bog	-
Average annual air temperature at site (°C)	9.8	5.1	15	Ch 11 Climate
Average depth of peat at site (m)	1.6	1.5	1.7	Geotechnical and Peat Stability Assessment
C Content of dry peat (% by weight)	55	50	60	Default Value Used
Average extent of drainage around drainage features at site (m)	15	5	20	Chapter 9 Water
Average water table depth at site (m)	0.5	0.1	1	Site Specific
Dry soil bulk density (g cm ⁻³)	0.1	0.09	0.11	Default Value Used
Characteristics of bog plants				
Time required for regeneration of bog plants after restoration (years)	10	5	15	Best Practice in Raised Bog restoration in Ireland
Carbon accumulation due to C fixation by bog plants in undrained peats (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	Expected value	Minimum value	Maximum value	Source of data
Forestry Plantation Characteristics	9.29	0.2	0.3	SNH Guidance Default Value
Forestry Plantation Characteristics				
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha)	9.7	9.5	9.9	Ch 4 Description
Average rate of carbon sequestration in timber (tC ha ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	3.6	3.5	3.7	SNH Guidance Default Value
Counterfactual emission factors				
Coal-fired plant emission factor (t CO2 MWh ⁻¹)	1.002	1.002	1.002	
Grid-mix emission factor (t CO2 MWh ⁻¹)	0.19338	0.19338	0.19338	
Fossil fuel-mix emission factor (t CO2 MWh ⁻¹)	0.432	0.432	0.432	
Borrow pits				
Number of borrow pits	0	0	0	N/A
Average length of pits (m)	0	0	0	

5. Loss of soil CO2 (a, b)

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Emissions due to loss of soil organic carbon

Loss of C stored in peatland is estimated from % site lost by peat removal (table 5a), CO2 loss from removed peat (table 5b), % site affected by drainage (table 5c), and the CO2 loss from drained peat (table 5d).

5. Loss of soil CO2

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
CO2 loss from removed peat (t CO2 equiv.)	11181.61	8599.19	14922.59
CO2 loss from drained peat (t CO2 equiv.)	1280.35	0	7189.47
RESULTS			
Total CO2 loss from peat (removed + drained) (t CO2 equiv.)	12461.96	8599.19	22112.06
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of soil C...			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	109.04	78.66	185.27
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	565.01	407.59	959.96
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	252.92	182.45	429.72

CO2 loss from removed peats

If peat is treated in such a way that it is permanently restored, so that less than 100% of the C is lost to the atmosphere, a lower percentage can be entered in cell C10.

5b. CO2 loss from removed peat

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
CO2 loss from removed peat (t CO2)	14591.22	11290.24	18495.38
CO2 loss from undrained peat left in situ (t CO2)	3409.61	2691.06	3572.79
RESULTS			
CO2 loss attributable to peat removal only (t CO2)	11181.61	8599.19	14922.59

Volume of Peat Removed

% site lost by peat removal is estimated from peat removed in borrow pits, turbine foundations, hard-standing and access tracks. If peat is removed for any other reason, this must be added in as additional peat excavated in the core input data entry.

5a. Volume of peat removed

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Peat removed from borrow pits			
Area of land lost in borrow pits (m2)	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from borrow pits (m3)	0	0	0
Peat removed from turbine foundations			
Area of land lost in foundation (m2)	4375	4032	4732
Volume of peat removed from foundation area (m3)	8312.5	7257.6	9464
Peat removed from hard-standing			
Area of land lost in hard-standing (m2)	13475	13475	13475
Volume of peat removed from hard-standing area (m3)	24255	22907.5	25602.5
Peat removed from access tracks			
Area of land lost in floating roads (m2)	4750	4500	5000
Volume of peat removed from floating roads (m3)	0	0	0
Area of land lost in excavated roads (m2)	4750	4500	5000
Volume of peat removed from excavated roads (m3)	1425	900	2000
Area of land lost in rock-filled roads (m2)	0	0	0
Volume of peat removed from rock-filled roads (m3)	0	0	0
Total area of land lost in access tracks (m2)	9500	9000	10000
Total volume of peat removed due to access tracks (m3)	1425	900	2000
RESULTS			
Total area of land lost due to windfarm construction (m2)	35994	35051	36951
Total volume of peat removed due to windfarm construction (m3)	72352.5	68425.1	76426.5

5. Loss of soil CO₂ (c,d,e)

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Volume of peat drained

Extent of site affected by drainage is calculated assuming an average extent of drainage around each drainage feature as given in the input data.

5c. Volume of peat drained

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Total area affected by drainage around borrow pits (m2)	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage around borrow pits (m3)	0	0	0
Peat affected by drainage around turbine foundation and hardstanding			
Total area affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m2)	35700	10360	50960
Total volume affected by drainage of foundation and hardstanding area (m3)	33915	9324	50960
Peat affected by drainage of access tracks			
Total area affected by drainage of access track(m2)	28500	9000	40000
Total volume affected by drainage of access track(m3)	4275	900	8000
Peat affected by drainage of cable trenches			
Total area affected by drainage of cable trenches(m2)	0	0	0
Total volume affected by drainage of cable trenches(m3)	0	0	0
Drainage around additional peat excavated			
Total area affected by drainage (m2)	5650.57	1716.89	7886.28
Total volume affected by drainage (m3)	25075.9	7335.64	36330.04
RESULTS			
Total area affected by drainage due to windfarm (m2)	69850.57	21076.89	98846.28
Total volume affected by drainage due to windfarm (m3)	63265.9	17559.64	95290.04

Emission rates from soils

Note, CO₂ losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been thoroughly tested against experimental data (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

5e. Emission rates from soils

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Calculations following IPCC default methodology			
Flooded period (days/year)	178	178	178
Annual rate of methane emission (t CH ₄ -C/ha year)	0.04	0.04	0.04
Annual rate of carbon dioxide emission (t CO ₂ /ha year)	35.2	35.2	35.2
Calculations following ECOSSE based methodology			
Total area affected by drainage due to wind farm construction (ha)	6.99	2.11	9.88

CO₂ loss due to drainage

Note, CO₂ losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been derived directly from experimental data for acid bogs and fens (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

5d. CO₂ loss from drained peat

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site is NOT Restored after Decommissioning			
Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	12758.74	2897.37	23060.4
Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	11478.39	2897.37	15870.93
Calculations of C Loss from Drained Land if Site IS Restored after Decommissioning			
Losses if Land is Drained			
CH ₄ emissions from drained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	-20.04	-42.24	271.23
CO ₂ emissions from drained land (t CO ₂)	7374.85	1660.42	13615.69
Total GHG emissions from Drained Land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	12758.74	2897.37	23060.4
Losses if Land is Undrained			
CH ₄ emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	-15.16	-42.24	1454.7
CO ₂ emissions from undrained land (t CO ₂)	6631.91	1660.42	8102.74
Total GHG emissions from Undrained Land (t CO ₂ equiv.)	11478.39	2897.37	15870.93
RESULTS			
Total GHG emissions due to drainage (t CO ₂ equiv.)	1280.35	0	7189.47

7. Forestry CO2 loss

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CO₂ loss from forests - calculation using detailed management information

Forest carbon calculator (Perks et al, 2009)

Total potential carbon sequestration loss due to felling of forestry for the wind farm (t CO2)
Total emissions due to cleared land (t CO2)
Emissions due to harvesting operations (t CO2)
Fossil fuel equivalent saving from use of felled forestry as biofuel (t CO2)
Fossil fuel equivalent saving from use of replanted forestry as biofuel (t CO2)
RESULTS
Total carbon loss associated with forest management(t CO2)

Emissions due to forest felling - calculation using simple management data

Emissions due to forestry felling are calculated from the reduced carbon sequestered per crop rotation. If the forestry was due to be removed before the planned development, this C loss is not attributable to the wind farm and so the area of forestry to be felled should be entered as zero.

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Area of forestry plantation to be felled (ha)	9.7	9.5	9.9
Carbon sequestered (t C ha-1 yr-1)	3.6	3.5	3.7
Lifetime of windfarm (years)	35	30	40
Carbon sequestered over the lifetime of the windfarm (t C ha-1)	126	105	148
RESULTS			
Total carbon loss due to felling of forestry (t CO2)	4481.44	3657.53	5372.45
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to management of forestry			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	39.21	33.46	45.01
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	203.18	173.36	233.24
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	90.95	77.6	104.41

8. CO2 gain - site improvement

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Gains due to site improvement

Note, CO2 losses are calculated using two approaches: IPCC default methodology and more site specific equations derived for this project. The IPCC methodology is included because it is the established approach, although it contains no site detail. The new equations have been thoroughly tested against experimental data (see Nayak et al, 2008 - Final report).

Degraded Bog

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Description of site			
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0	0	0
2. Losses with improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.498	0.481	0.516
CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	0.482	-0.768	1.865
CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Total GHG emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
3. Losses without improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.498	0.481	0.516
CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	0.482	-0.768	1.865
CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0

Borrow Pits

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Description of site			
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0	0	0
2. Losses with improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	0	0
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CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0

Felled Forestry

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Description of site			
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0	0	0
2. Losses with improvement			
Improved period (years)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.498	0.481	0.516
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CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0

Foundations & Hardstanding

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
1. Description of site			
Area to be improved (ha)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table before improvement (m)	0	0	0
Depth of peat above water table after improvement (m)	0	0	0
2. Losses with improvement			
Improved period (years)	35	30	40
Selected annual rate of methane emissions (t CH4-C ha-1 yr-1)	0.498	0.481	0.516
CH4 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
Selected annual rate of carbone dioxide emissions (t CO2 ha-1 yr-1)	0.482	-0.768	1.865
CO2 emissions from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0
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CO2 emissions from unimproved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0	0	0

3. CO2 loss backup

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Emissions due to backup power generation

CO2 loss due to back up is calculated from the extra capacity required for backup of the windfarm given in the input data.

Wind generated electricity is inherently variable, providing unique challenges to the electricity generating industry for provision of a supply to meet consumer demand (Netz, 2004). Backup power is required to accompany wind generation to stabilise the supply to the consumer. This backup power will usually be obtained from a fossil fuel source. At a high level of wind power penetration in the overall generating mix, and with current grid management techniques, the capacity for fossil fuel backup may become strained because it is being used to balance the fluctuating consumer demand with a variable and highly unpredictable output from wind turbines (White, 2007). The Carbon Trust (Carbon Trust/DTI, 2004) concluded that increasing levels of intermittent generation do not present major technical issues at the percentages of renewables expected by 2010 and 2020, but the UK renewables target at the time of that report was only 20%. When national reliance on wind power is low (less than ~20%), the additional fossil fuel generated power requirement can be considered to be insignificant and may be obtained from within the spare generating capacity of other power sectors (Dale et al, 2004). However, as the national supply from wind power increases above 20%, without improvements in grid management techniques, emissions due to backup power generation may become more significant. The extra capacity needed for backup power generation is currently estimated to be 5% of the rated capacity of the wind plant if wind power contributes more than 20% to the national grid (Dale et al 2004). Moving towards the SG target of 50% electricity generation from renewable sources, more short-term capacity may be required in terms of pumped-storage hydro-generated power, or a better mix of offshore and onshore wind generating capacity. Grid management techniques are anticipated to reduce this extra capacity, with improved demand side management, smart meters, grid reinforcement and other developments. However, given current grid management techniques, it is suggested that 5% extra capacity should be assumed for backup power generation if wind power contributes more than 20% to the national grid. At lower contributions, the extra capacity required for backup should be assumed to be zero. These assumptions should be revisited as technology improves.

Assumption: Backup assumed to be by fossil-fuel-mix of electricity generation. Note that hydroelectricity may also be used for backup, so this assumption may make the value for backup generation too high. These assumptions should be revisited as technology develops.

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Reserve energy (MWh/yr)	19,009	18,703	19,316
Annual emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2/yr)	821	808	834
RESULTS			
Total emissions due to backup from fossil fuel-mix of electricity generation (tCO2)	28,742	24,239	33,378

1. CO2 emission saving

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Emissions due to turbine life

The carbon payback time of the windfarm due to turbine life (eg. manufacture, construction, decommissioning) is calculated by comparing the emissions due to turbine life with carbon-savings achieved by the windfarm while displacing electricity generated from coal-fired capacity or grid-mix.

Capacity factor calculated from forestry data

Area name	Value type	Capacity factor (%)	Wind speed ratio	Average site windspeed (m/s)	Annual theoretical energy output (MW / turbine)	Capacity factor - Direct input		
						Exp.	Min.	Max.
						0.4	0.4	0.4

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Annual energy output from windfarm (MW/yr)			
RESULTS			
Emissions saving over coal-fired electricity generatio...	1,371	1,312	1,432
Emissions saving over grid-mix of electricity generati...	265	253	276
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2. CO2 loss turbine life

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Calculation of emissions with relation to installed capacity

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Emissions due to turbine from energy output (t CO2)	5325	5232	5419
Emissions due to cement used in construction (t CO2)	0	0	0

Direct input of emissions due to turbine life

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Emissions due to turbine life (tCO2/windfarm)			

RESULTS

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Losses due to turbine life (manufacture, construction, etc.) (t CO2)	37278	36624	37932
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to turbine life			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	326	335	318
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	1690	1736	1647
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	757	777	737

4. Loss CO2 fixing pot.

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving 2. CO2 loss due to turbine life 3. CO2 loss due to backup 4. Loss of CO2 fixing potential 5. Loss of soil CO2 (a,b) 5. Loss of soil CO2 (c,d,e) 6. CO2 loss of DOC & POC loss 7. Forestry CO2 loss 8. CO2

Emissions due to loss of bog plants

Annual C fixation by the site is calculated by multiplying area of the windfarm by the annual C accumulation due to bog plant fixation.

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Area where carbon accumulation by bog plants is lost (ha)	10.58	5.61	13.58
Total loss of carbon accumulation up to time of restoration (tCO2 eq./ha)	41	26	61
RESULTS			
Total loss of carbon fixation by plants at the site (t CO2)	437	144	822
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to loss of CO2 fixing potential			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	4	1	7
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	20	7	36
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	9	3	16

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6. CO2 loss DOC & POC

Payback Time

Payback Time - ChartsInput Data

1. Windfarm CO2 emission saving 2. CO2 loss due to turbine life 3. CO2 loss due to backup 4. Loss of CO2 fixing potential 5. Loss of soil CO2 (a,b) 5. Loss of soil CO2 (c,d,e) 6. CO2 loss due to DOC & POC loss 7. Forestry CO2 loss 8. CO2

Emissions due to loss of DOC and POC

Note, CO2 losses from DOC and POC are calculated using a simple approach derived from generic estimates of the percentage of the total CO2 loss that is due to DOC or POC leaching.

No POC losses for bare soil included yet. If extensive areas of bare soil is present at site need modified calculation (Birnie et al, 1991)

	Exp.	Min.	Max.
Gross CO2 loss from restored drained land (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross CH4 loss from restored drained land (t CO2 equiv.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross CO2 loss from improved land (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross CH4 loss from improved land (t CO2 equiv.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total gaseous loss of C (t C)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total C loss as DOC (t C)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total C loss as POC (t C)	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESULTS			
Total CO2 loss due to DOC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total CO2 loss due to POC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total CO2 loss due to DOC & POC leaching (t CO2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional CO2 payback time of windfarm due to DOC & POC			
...coal-fired electricity generation (months)	0	0	0
...grid-mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	0
...fossil fuel - mix of electricity generation (months)	0	0	0

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TII Carbon Assessment Tool

Ch 15: Material Assets, Section 15.1.4.1.1, Table 15-7					Distance Assumptions	TII Embodied Carbon Tool Inputs (https://web.tii.ie/index.html)						TII Transport Inputs (https://web.tii.ie/index.html)		
Material	Total no. Truck Loads	Truck Types	TII Embodied Carbon	TII Traffic	Distance (km)	Category	Sub-Category	Material	Quantity	Unit	Embodied tCO2e	Transport Type	Distance (km)	Transport TCO2e
Concrete	749	Concrete mixers	✓	✓	13.5	Series 1700 - Structural Concrete	Concrete - Construction General	Concrete Average	5692.4	m3	1501.39	HGV - Rigid - Average	10111.5	10.09
Delivery of plant	27	Large artic		✓	13.5							HGV- All - Average	364.5	0.39
Fencing & gates	2	Large artic	✓	✓	13.5	Series 300 - Fencing and Environmental Noise Barriers	Gate	Steel Single Field Gate 3m Width	11	no units	2.72	HGV- All - Average	27	0.03
Compound setup	28	Large artic		✓	13.5							HGV- All - Average	378	0.41
Steel	19	Large artic	✓	✓	85	Series 1800 - Structural Steelwork	General	Anchorage and holding down bolt assemblies	570	tonnes	1022.07	HGV- All - Average	1615	1.73
Infill materials	16,359	Truck	✓	✓	13.5	Series 800 - Road Pavements - Unbound and Cement Bound Mixtures	Granular Material Type A	Granular material Type 1 depth 400-500mm	272540	m2	1549.12	LGV - Average	220846.5	66.06
Ducting and cabling (internal)	205	Large artic		✓	13.5							HGV - All - Average	2767.5	2.97
Grid connection cable laying	2,722	Large artic		✓	13.5							HGV - All - Average	36747	39.43
Crane (to lift steel)	1	Large artic		✓	85							HGV - All - Average	85	0.09
Road construction	3,943	Truck	✓	✓	13.5	Series 800 - Road Pavements - Unbound and Cement Bound Mixtures	Aggregates	Unbound Mixture (type 1) depth 100-150mm	272540	m2	541.67	LGV - Average	53230.5	15.92
Substation	100	Large artic		✓	85							HGV - All - Average	8500	9.12
Cranes for turbines	12	Large artic		✓	85							HGV - All - Average	1020	1.09
Refuelling for plant	145	Large artic		✓	13.5							HGV - All - Average	1957.5	2.1
Site Maintenance	105	Large artic		✓	13.5							HGV - All - Average	1417.5	1.52
Total											4616.97			150.95

List of Assumptions

Embodied Carbon Assumptions			Traffic Assumptions		
Item	Description	Assumption	Item	Description	Assumption
Volume of Concrete Mixer	Calculation completed based on the average concrete mixer holding 7.6m ³ of concrete	7.6	Import (P) Distance	For modelling purposes, the average distance from Shannon Foynes Port, Limerick City and Galway Harbour, Galway City for transport of all other materials for the site	85
Volume of Average Artic Truck	Calculation completed based on the average artic truck having a carrying capacity of 30 tonnes	30	Quarry (Q) Distance	Identified Quarries in Section 4.4.2.1 Deliveries of Stone and Ready-Mix Concrete from Quarries in this ELAR	13.5
Ducting and cabling (internal)	Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool	-	Concrete Mixer Emission factor	Calculated from an HGV - Rigid - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool	0.99784
Grid connection cable laying	Embodied carbon of electrical equipment not included as an option in TII Carbon Tool	-	Large Artic Emission Factor	Calculated from an HGV - All - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool	1.07296
Tree Felling	Embodied carbon of tree felling is included in the Macauley Institute Carbon Calculator for Wind Farms on Peatland	-	Truck Emissions Factor	Calculated from an LGV - Average emission factor as provided in the TII Carbon Tool	0.29913
Turbine Lifecycle	Embodied carbon of the overall turbine lifecycle is included in the Macauley Institute Carbon Calculator for Wind Farms on Peatland	-			

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