

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development in County Kildare

In accordance with section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), North Kildare Wind Farm Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for development in the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Coolree, Killyon and Drehid, Co Kildare.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- Construction of a 110 kV Substation and associated works within the townland of Coolree The Substation includes a total compound footprint of 1.32 hectares. , enclosed by palisade fencing. The Substation Compound will include :
 - 1 No. single storey substation control building (450 m2);
 - 1 No. single storey customer MV Building (160 m2);
 - Switchgear, Arc Suppression Coil, Cable Sealing Ends, Cable Chair, Circuit Breakers, Current Transformers, Disconnects, Post Insulators, Surge Arrestors, Grid Code Compliance Equipment and Voltage Transformers; and all associated ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development;
 - 9 No. lightning masts to a height of 20 m;
 - 2.6m high palisade guard railing with perimeter boundary fencing will be erected around the periphery of the compound for security and protection measures;
 - Lighting will be provided by 9 no. lighting columns, approximately 3m in height as well as exterior wall mounted lights on the control buildings.
- Erection of 2 no. line-cable interface masts to enable a loop-in/loop-out connection to the existing Kinnegad-Rinawade 110 kV overhead line. The steel lattice masts will extend to heights of 16m above existing ground level.
- Laying of 110 kV underground cabling between the proposed substation and the proposed loop-in/loop-out masts.
- Permanent access road (ca. 7.3 km in length) which traverses the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Coolree, Killyon and Drehid to allow access to the substation including a short spur (ca. 0.9 km) off the main access track to access the 2 no. line-cable interface masts. The entrance to the local road (L5025) and local road (L50242) will be shared with the proposed Drehid Wind Farm.
- 3 no. Stream Crossings.
- Associated construction works and drainage infrastructure.
- Peat deposition area immediately adjacent to the proposed substation.

The development subject of this application will facilitate the connection of the proposed 11 no. wind turbine Drehid Wind Farm (the Proposed Wind Farm') to the national electricity grid. A planning application for the Proposed Wind Farm development is also being lodged to An Bord Pleanála.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on **26th June 2025** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).
- Kildare County Council, Planning Department, Áras Chil Darra, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare, W91 X77F.

The application may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website: www.drehidsubstationSID.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and
- iii. the likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5:30 p.m. on **14th August 2025** and must include the following information:

- the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to "A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development" at www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to -

1. grant the permission/approval, or
2. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
3. grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the forgoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
4. refuse to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website, www.citizeninformation.ie

Signed: 

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Date of Erection of Site Notice: **17th June 2025.**