

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, County Kildare.

In accordance with section 37E 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 permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works within the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Coolree, Killyon, Mulgeeth and Drehid, Co Kildare.

The proposed development will comprise:

- i. Construction of 11 no. wind turbines, each with a rotor diameter of 133 m. 10 no. turbines will have a hub height of 100.5 m and a tip height of 167 m; while one turbine (T1, closest to the site entrance) will have a hub height of 81.4 m and a tip height of 147.9 m;
- ii. Construction of permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage;
- iii. Construction/upgrade of 1. no. main site entrance (off local road L5025), and 1 no. additional site entrance (off local road L50242);
- iv. Construction of 1. no. site entrance (off local road L5012) to accommodate the delivery of large turbine components;
- v. Use of 1 no. existing Coillte entrance (off local road L5012) for pedestrian/cyclist access to an amenity trail;
- vi. Construction of 9.67 km of new internal access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- vii. Upgrading of 951 m of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- viii. Establishment of 2 no. temporary construction site compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking;
- ix. Establishment of 1. No. temporary blade set down area;
- x. Construction of drainage and sediment control systems;
- xi. 3 no. Watercourse Crossings;
- xii. Upgrade and extension to an existing recreation amenity trail and installation of signage, picnic tables and bicycle stands;
- xiii. All related site works and ancillary development including signage, berms, culverts, drain crossings, landscaping, and soil excavation;
- xiv. Forestry felling (both permanent and temporary) to facilitate construction and operation
- xv. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed Substation including the laying of underground cabling along the local road L50242 which traverses the site.

A 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought for all works (other than temporary and permanent works specified above) and the subsequent decommissioning.

The application is seeking a ten year planning permission. A separate planning application for a 110 kV onsite substation and associated 110 kV underground cabling which will loop into the 110 kV overhead line which traverses the site to facilitate the export of power from the wind farm, to the Kinnegad-Rinawade overhead line will also be lodged with 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.drehidwindfarmSID.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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