



An
Bord
Pleanála

Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 274 of 2025)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Ballinla Wind Farm Limited
Address:	Building 3400, Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, T12 AE76, Ireland
Telephone No:	087 4882111
Email Address (if any):	david.oleary@statkraft.com

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Kevin O'Donovan and Alan Goggin
Registered Address (of company)	Building 3400, Avenue 3000, Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, Cork
Company Registration No.	742478
Telephone No.	087 4882111
Email Address (if any)	david.oleary@statkraft.com

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	Graeme Thornton
Address:	MWP, The Elm Suite, Loughmore Centre, Raheen Business Park, Limerick, V94 R578, Ireland.
Telephone No.	061 480 164
Mobile No. (if any)	083 3627016
Email address (if any)	graeme.thornton@mwp.ie

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: [☒] No: [☐]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

David O'Leary - 087 4882111

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Shane Howard
Firm / Company:	Malachy Walsh and Partners
Address:	Unit 27, Briarhill Business Park, Ballybrit, Galway, H91 TH61, Ireland
Telephone No:	091 399633
Mobile No:	086 0838609
Email Address (if any):	shane.howard@mwp.ie
Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form. See Addendum 1	

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The proposed development is in the townlands of Leitrim, Ballyfore Big, Ballyleakin, and Ballina (Geashill By), Co. Offaly.	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	OSI sheet no.: 3248, 3249, 3313, 3314, 3376, 3377 and 3497	
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	42ha	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	The site is rural agricultural and forestry land not specifically zone for use I the Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing: Agricultural and Forestry Proposed: Renewable energy generation.	
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Offaly County Council	

7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other	✓
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The applicant has entered into legal agreements for freehold purchase and wayleaves over the subject lands.		
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
Eoghan Byrne, Lietrim, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Eugene Byrne, Lietrim, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Fergus Malone, Lietrim, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Joan Hernon, 2 Willow Bank, Blacklion, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. John Bosco Guinan, Ballinla, Greashill, Co. Offaly. Barry Liffey, Liffey Mills, Bunnaw, Clybanane, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. Mark Rochford, Ballinla Dairy Farm, Ballinla, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Nigel Beattie, Ballyleakin, Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Coillte, Dublin Road, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
The lands associated with the project are identified in the following planning drawing which show a blueline boundary containing lands under the control of the applicant or the person who owns the land which is the subject of the application. The following drawing indicates the blue line: 23882-MWP-00-00-DR-C-5002		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
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Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?

Yes: [☐] No: [☒]

If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:

Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?

Yes: [☐] No: [☒]

If yes, please give details:

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: [] No: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]		
If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications		
Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant or Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.		
Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?		
Yes: [] No: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]		
If yes please specify		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<p>The Proposed Development for which permission under Section 37E is being sought will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven Wind Turbine Generators (blade tip height 185m). • Seven Wind Turbine foundations and hardstand areas. • One electrical substation (110kV) including independent power producer (IPP) substation and wind farm operations compound with associated ancillary buildings, security fencing and all associated works. • One LiDAR station based on the ground. • Two new site entrances from the L5010. • New and upgraded internal site access tracks. • All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the proposed turbines to the proposed onsite substation. • The TDR including temporary works on sections of the public road network and private lands along the turbine delivery route on the L-5006 and the junction of the R-402 and R-420. • One temporary construction site compound and additional mobile welfare unit. • One spoil deposition area. • Landscaping. • Associated surface water management systems. <p>The applicant is seeking a ten-year permission and an operational period of no less than 35 years from the date of commissioning of the entire Wind Farm. The substation and associated infrastructure is permanent.</p>
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10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development: **N/A**

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m ²

11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	142m ² and 402 m ² . Total = 544m ²
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix: N/A

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses							
Apartments							
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:			Total:	

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is "yes" and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is "yes" but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is "no" by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
Agricultural and Forestry
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Renewable energy generation
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
26ha footprint.

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			X
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?			X
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			X

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:

Existing connection: ☐ New Connection: ☐

Public Mains: ☐ Group Water Scheme: ☐ Private Well:☐

Other (please specify):

Rain water collection and tinkering to holding tank.

Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):

Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:

Existing: ☐ New:☐

Public Sewer: ☐ Conventional septic tank system: ☐

Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify:

Holding tank with tankered disposal to licensed off site facility.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain:☐ Soakpit:☐

Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☒ Please specify: Settlement ponds followed by overland flow discharge.

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>] National Paper dated 28/08/2025 Local Paper dated 28/08/2025
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>] Site Notice was erected on- 05/09/2025 For site notice locations please refer to drawings: 23882-MWP-00-00-DR-C-5002
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All documentation is available to view on the dedicated project website: www.ballinlawindfarmsid.ie

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form. Pre-application meeting held with Offaly County Council on- Pre-app with ABP held on- Enclosed: See Addendum 2 Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>] Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.

Enclosed: **See Addendum 2**

Yes: [☒] No: [☐]

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

A copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal is enclosed.

See Addendum 3

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000 Receipt attached in Addendum 4

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed:
(Applicant or Agent as appropriate)



Graeme Thornton MWP (Agent)

Date:

03/09/2025

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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