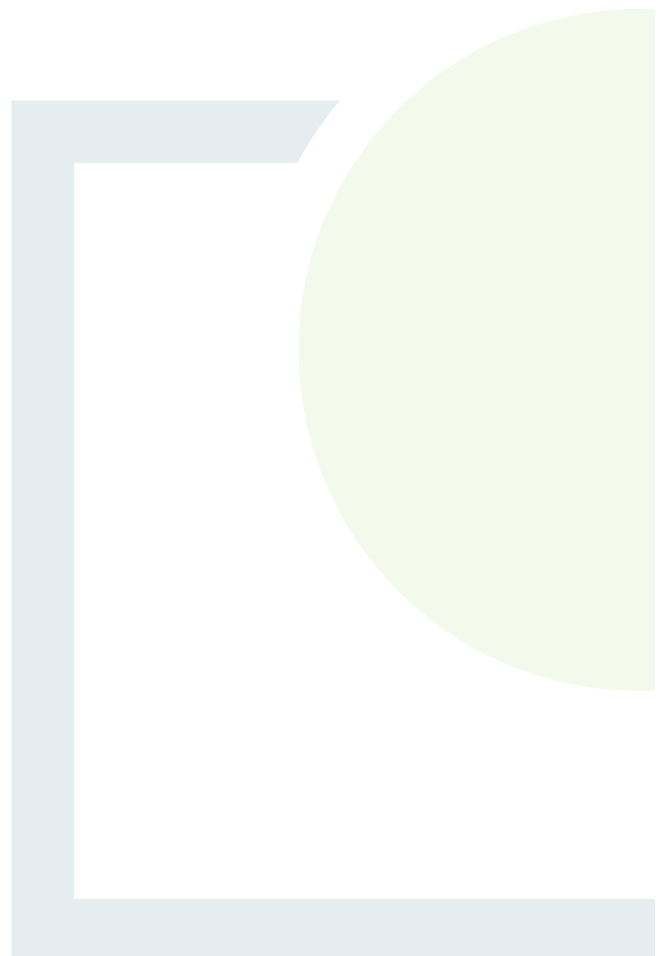




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Addendum **D**

Newspaper Notices



PLANNING

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xv. Turbine Delivery Accommodation works:

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- xvi. Felling of 0.54 ha of conifer plantation forestry;
- xvii. 2,032 m Treeline/hedgerow removal; and
- xviii. 9.7 ha of Biodiversity Enhancement lands plus 2,457.50 m of hedgerow/treeline planting.

A 30-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm (including meteorological mast) is being sought. This reflects the lifespan of modern-day turbines.

A permanent planning permission is being sought for the 110 kV electrical infrastructure (loop-in grid connection and substation) as these will become an asset of the national grid under the management of EirGrid and will remain in place upon decommissioning of the wind farm.

A design flexibility opinion issued by An Coimisiún Pleanála (Case Reference ABP -321495-24) on 13th June 2025 accompanies this application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this site / newspaper notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

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- 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
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- 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,
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- 3. grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing 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 Coimisiún Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Commission 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.

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RUGBY: CULLEN SAYS SCRUM-HALF HAS PLENTY TO GIVE



GOING STRONG Luke McGrath scoring a try for Leinster last season

McGrath backed for Ireland comeback

LEO CULLEN has challenged Andy Farrell and Simon Easterby to think again about Luke McGrath and a potential spot in the Ireland squad.

McGrath hasn't made an Ireland squad since being one of just two specialist scrum-halves taken to RWC2019 in Japan.

But, says the Leinster coach, their very own squad contains proof that if you are good enough, you are young enough and that their very own Rabah Slimani is proof.

McGrath was 32 last February, Slimani will be 36 next month; McGrath was last capped in October 2019, Slimani was last capped in October 2019; Slimani was recalled to the France squad in January 2025...

What's more Cullen will be investing heavily in McGrath again this season, indicating he will skipper the Blues for the opening two URC games of the season, away on mini-tour to South Africa, against Stormers and Bulls.

"The captain for the club will be Caelan Doris for the season ahead, so that will be announced shortly," said Cullen of his No.8, who is not expected to return from injury before November. So we will most likely begin with Luke McGrath, once he is playing in the game. He is one of the most senior players if not the most senior player at the club if not in terms of age then caps."

This will be a chance for McGrath to impress.

"Absolutely. He is younger than Jamison (Gibson-Park). There is this perception that just because he has X amount of caps he could get written off but, yeh, all of our coaches have challenged Lukey this year.

BY DEREK FOLEY

"I believe he has challenged us so we are all on the same page, aligned, all the coaches want to see him play for Ireland this year and he wants to play for Ireland this year.

"It is not like he doesn't have international aspirations, he is fully committed to getting back in an Ireland jersey this season.

"We want to put him up on the screen with Rabah because Rabah is a proper cult hero internally in the group. Lukey is a long way off Rabah's age and as a lot of people know he was very close to hanging up his boots, taking the whistle and going coaching"

Cullen points to McGrath's on-field ability worthy of an international recall.

"It's probably his bravery, isn't it, he has the heart of a Lion, and that's whether it's his own running threat or his defence.

"If you watch back, what springs to mind? Yeah, the final, the URC final.

"Also he comes on in our European game away against La Rochelle, where he's coming off the line and against the biggest La Rochelle forwards and he's just literally chopping them down and even just his stats in that last passage of plays.

"So bravery is his greatest quality, which is very hard to coach, bravery."

Meanwhile, Cullen confirmed that Lansdowne prop Jerry Cahir will be staying with the squad after signing a short-term deal.

"Jerry's come in during pre-season, he's gone well during the course of the last season with Lansdowne, came in and played an A game towards the tail end of last season as well. A couple of A games against Ulster. He's been good. He's a great story."

KEENAN TO MISS NOVEMBER SERIES

HUGO Keenan will miss Ireland's November series internationals following a post-Lions operation that will keep him sidelined until the New Year.

Joe McCarthy and Caelan Doris are extremely doubtful for the opening two games, although it is hoped they will have returned to club rugby at some point during the month.

"Hugo (right) had surgery with a hip issue that had been bothering him prior to the Lions tour, he's making steady progress but

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probably won't feature until the New Year," confirmed Leo Cullen.

"Joe picked up an injury during the tour. There was an injury with his foot and he's aggravated it a little bit. He won't probably feature for Leinster in that first block of games leading into November.

"We have yet to decide on Caelan Doris. He's making good progress from the shoulder surgery towards the tail end of last season. He's worked hard, but again, around November."



NEWS

Tuam artist among Galway award winners

TUAM based artist Karena Ryan is among the three Galway artists to win at the Design and Crafts Council Future Makers Awards.

The initiative recognises talent, potential and creativity. It is a platform to showcase the talent of the next generation of makers, designers, and crafts-

people looking to take the step from training into enterprise and provides them with the much-needed financial support.

It covers a wide range of disciplines and recognises vision, innovation and excellence among students and recent graduates.

The three Galway artists receiving the award includes textile artist Tuam's Karena Ryan, jewellery maker Deirdre Murphy and furniture maker Gerard Boyle, a former student of St Jarlath's College in Tuam.

Future Makers is one of the largest prize-funded design

and craft award programmes in Europe, with each winner receiving a mentoring package valued at €2,000 in addition to the award.

In total, the initiative offers an award fund of €25,000 and mentoring package of €52,000 in expert guidance and support to the award recipients.



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In brief

Tuam collection for Charlotte's Vision

LOCAL charity Charlotte's Vision will host a community bucket collection in Tuam to raise funds for metastatic breast cancer research.

The fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 27 from 10am to 5pm at key locations throughout the town, including The Square, Tesco, Centra on Dublin Road, Corrib Oil and Town and Country Garage.

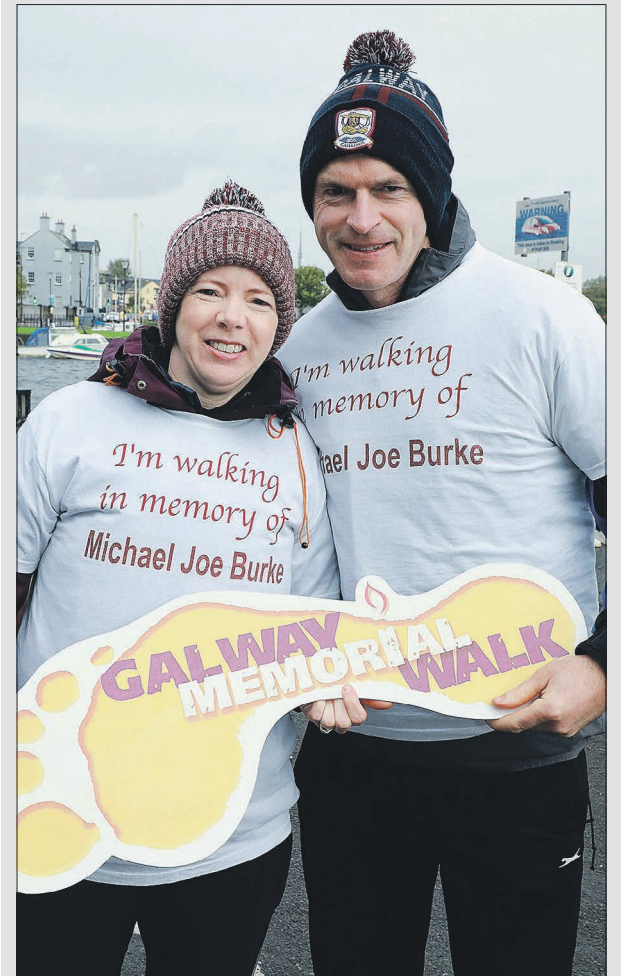
Chairperson of Charlotte's Vision, Caroline Downey is thankful to everyone for their continued support.

She said: "Unfortunately, the cancer doesn't stop, and so we can't stop fundraising. Every contribution, big or small, helps us continue our mission to support metastatic breast cancer research."

This fundraiser will also mark the start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, a time dedicated to raising awareness and supporting those affected by breast cancer.

All proceeds from the Tuam bucket collection will go directly to metastatic breast cancer research at the National Breast Cancer Research in the Lamb Institute in Galway.

WALKING IN THEIR MEMORY



AT the Galway Memorial Walk for Galway Hospice were Breda and Adrian Fitzpatrick, Corrandulla.

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