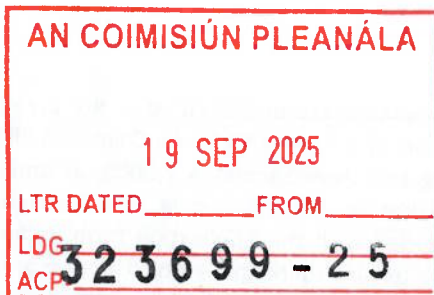


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Our Ref: P20306-FT-EN-XX-LT-EN-0002

18 September 2025

Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Planning Application for the development of a Wind Farm consisting of 11 no. turbines (and all associated works) in the townlands of Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonnaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Ironpool, Shancloon, Toberroe and Tonacooleen, County Galway.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, RWE Renewable Ireland Limited (the Applicant), please find enclosed an application for approval for the proposed construction of a Wind Farm consisting of 11 no. turbines (and all associated infrastructure) in the townlands of Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonnaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Ironpool, Shancloon, Toberroe and Tonacooleen, County Galway.

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) in accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for a renewable energy development. This position was confirmed by An Coimisiún Pleanála to the Applicant on the 13th June 2025 following pre-application consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála (Case Number ABP-321507-24), a copy of An Coimisiún Pleanála's determination is enclosed as part of Addendum F of the planning application.

Public notices for the proposed development were published as follows:

- Newspaper Notices published on Wednesday 17th September 2025 in the Tuam Herald and the Irish Daily Star.✓
- Site Notice – 10 no. notices erected on Thursday 18th September 2025.

Any submissions/observations must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than 5.30 p.m. on the **17th November 2025**.

Renewable Energy Designation Policy Statement

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413) and the planning application is subject to a completeness check under section 37JA of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended by the European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025.

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Design Flexibility Opinion

Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in the planning application and an opinion on unconfirmed details made on 13th June 2025 by An Coimisiún Pleanála (ref ABP-321495-24) pursuant to 37CD of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended accompanies this planning application (Addendum F). Form no. 22 of Schedule 3 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended is included with the application form in Addendum F. 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 the public notices and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies the application.

The Proposed Development

The proposed development will comprise:

- i. Construction of 11 no. wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height range of 178 m to 180 m. The wind turbines will have a rotor diameter ranging from 149.1 m to 155 m and a hub height ranging from 102.5m to 105m.
- ii. Construction of permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage;
- iii. Construction of 13,725 m of internal access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure (of which 1,770 m will be floated road);
- iv. Upgrading of 3,565 m of existing tracks and road and associated drainage infrastructure;
- v. Construction of 1,180 m of temporary access track to facilitate HDD cable crossing of the Togher River;
- vi. Creation of 1 no. new construction and operation access to the wind farm Site from the L-2234 local road and one road crossing of the L-2220-21 local road;
- vii. All associated drainage and sediment control including interceptor drains, cross drains, settlement ponds and swales;
- viii. Installation of new watercourse crossings including 1 no. 18.5 m single span bridge crossing and 14 new piped culverts;
- ix. All associated excavation, earthworks and spoil management;
- x. 3 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking;
- xi. Construction of 1 no. permanent onsite 110kV electrical substation, associated new access road off of the L-6100 local road, and associated construction compound including: Welfare facilities; Electrical infrastructure; Parking; Wastewater holding tank; Rainwater harvesting tank; and Security fencing;
- xii. Works associated with the connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a loop-in 110 kV underground cable connection 650 m in length to the existing Cashla-Dalton 110 kV overhead line in the townland of Tonacoolleen, with two new 16m high steel loop-in lattice tower end masts for loop-in connection at the connection point.



- xiii. Installation of 33 kV medium voltage electrical and communication cabling underground between the proposed turbines and the proposed on-site substation and associated ancillary works including Control Building;
- xiv. Erection of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast to a height of 110 m above ground level with a 4m lightning pole on top.
- xv. Turbine Delivery Accommodation works:
 - a. R332 / L6483 Junction (Beagh townland) - temporary load bearing surface will be laid and the drainage ditch temporarily culverted. Vegetation will be cleared. One utility pole will be temporarily removed.
 - b. On the L6483 (Beagh, Cloonweelaun and Ironpool townlands), temporary load bearing surface will be laid to provide a minimum 4.5 m running width and a 5.5 m clearance width for turbine delivery.
 - c. L6483 (Ironpool townland) – temporary load bearing surface will be laid and vegetation will be cleared. Two road signs will be temporarily removed.
- 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

The application is seeking a 10-year permission and 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. The works associated with the connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid will be carried out by a statutory undertaker which will have a right or interest to provide or carry out works for the provision of electricity services.

Environmental Impact Assessment & Appropriate Assessment

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 EIA Portal ID is 2025169 and the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal. The EIAR and NIS is prepared in respect of the construction, operation and, decommissioning of the proposed development and works to facilitate turbine delivery from the port of entry of Galway to the site entrance at Cloonaglasha via the Lough Atalia Road, College Road/R339, Connolly Avenue, Tuam Road/R336, N6, M6, M17, N17, R332 and the L6483.

Please note confidential annex to the EIA which is not to be made available for public inspection.

Contents of Application

The planning application and associated documentation are included as follows:



- 2 no. copies of the completed An Coimisiún Pleanála SID application form; ✓
- 1 no. copy of the Planning Application Notification Letter to An Coimisiún Pleanála ✓
- 1 no. copy of the Planning Application Notification Letter to Galway County Council; ✓
- 2 no. copies of each newspaper notice (2 no. papers) (Addendum D); ✓
- 2 no. copies of the site notice (Addendum E); ✓
- 2 no. copies of the Record of Payment (Electronic Funds Transfer Payment) (Addendum I); ✓
- 2 no. copies of the Planning Application Notification Letter to each Prescribed Body and schedule (Addendum G); ✗
- 2 no. copies of the Schedule of Drawings (Addendum A); ✓
- 2 no. copies of the Planning Application Drawings prepared by Fehily Timoney and Company and TLI;
- 2 no. copies of the option agreement letter from the landholders (Addendum B); ✓
- 2 no. copies of Statutory Undertaker Letter (Addendum C); ✓
- 2 no. copies of the EIA Portal Confirmation (Addendum H); ✓
- 2 no. copies of the Pre-application consultations, design flexibility opinion and Form 22 (Addendum F) ✓
- 2 no. copies of Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) in 4 volumes:
 - Volume I – EIAR Non-technical Summary ✓
 - Volume II – Main EIAR ✓
 - Volume III – Appendices (including photomontages) 1/3 2/3 3/3
 - Volume IV – EIAR and NIS Figures ✓
- 2 no. copies of Natura Impact Statement (NIS) - 2 AA screening ✓
- 1 no. copy of an Electronic Version of the Planning Application (USB); ✓
- 1 no. copy of the Spatial data: - .dwg CAD file and GIS Shapefile of the red line application site boundary.

All planning drawings are provided at scales which have previously been agreed with An Coimisiún Pleanála by email on 8 September 2025 (see Addendum A).

We include 2 no. hard copies of the application and 8 no. electronic USB copies enclosed with this letter. Galway County Council have received 2 no. hard copies and 1 no. electronic copy. All prescribed bodies considered relevant by the Commission (ABP-321507-24) have received a copy of the application in electronic format.

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project Strategic Infrastructure Development website via the following link:
www.shancloonwindfarmSID.ie

Please note that payment of the application fee of €100,000 has been made by Electronic Funds Transfer (Addendum I).



I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If you have any queries or require a discussion of any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Mansfield

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for and on behalf of **Fehily Timoney and Company**

Encl.



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19 SEP 2025

LTR DATED _____ FROM _____

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