

An
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Pleanála

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

1.

Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:

This Application is being made under Section 37(E) of the *Planning and Development Act 2000* (as amended)

2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	RWE Renewables Ireland Limited
Address:	Unit 5, Desart House Lower New Street Kilkenny R95 H488 Ireland
Telephone No:	+353 56 7715782
Email Address (if any):	

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Cathal Hennessy Peter Lefroy Cliona O'Sullivan Alex Murkin (British)
Registered Address (of company)	RWE Renewables Ireland Limited Unit 5 Desart House, Lower New Street Kilkenny City R95 H488 Ireland
Company Registration No.	Registered in Ireland: Company Number: 589120
Telephone No.	+353 56 7715782
Email Address (if any)	

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

Name:	Rita Mansfield
Address:	Fehily Timoney and Company Core House Pouladuff Road Cork T12 D773 Ireland
Telephone No.	+353 21 496 4133
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	info@ftco.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: [X] No:[]

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

Rita Mansfield

Phone: +353 21 496 4133

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Paul O'Reilly
Firm / Company:	Fehily Timoney and Company
Address:	Core House Pouladuff Road Cork T12 D773 Ireland
Telephone No:	+353 21 496 4133
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	info@ftco.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.

Please refer to the appended Planning Drawing Register which is included at Addendum A of this Application Form and accompanies the Planning Drawing Pack. This includes confirmation of agreed drawing scale with An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Two hard copies and eight electronic copies of each drawing are submitted with the application.

6. Site:

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>The Site is located within the townlands of Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonnaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Ironpool, Shancloon, Toberroe and Tonacooleen, County Galway.</p> <p>Of these, the on-site substation is located within Corillaun and loop-in connection within the neighbouring Tonacooleen.</p> <p>Turbine delivery route accommodation works are located within Beagh, Cloonweelaun and Ironpool.</p>
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>Ordnance Survey Ireland Map Tiles: 2602,2603,2604,2605,2672,2673,2674 2675,2741,2742,2743,2744,2745 2809,2810,2811,2812,2813,2877,2878,2879,2880.</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p>154 ha</p>
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>The site is a rural area and not subject to a land use zoning under the <i>Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028</i>.</p> <p>The wind turbine array is proposed within lands with a Wind Development Potential designation as ‘<i>Open to Consideration</i>’ as per <i>The Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) for County Galway</i>.</p>
<p>Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>Existing Use: The Proposed Development is located within a rural setting. Land use within the Site comprises agriculture and historic peat extraction, with smaller pockets of commercial forestry also present along the periphery. Residential property density in the area is low with ribbon development and one-off housing dominating the residential development in the area.</p> <p>Proposed Use: The Applicant is seeking to develop a Commercial Wind Farm comprising 11 wind turbines and associated infrastructure including 1 no. 110 kV substation and a connection to the</p>

	national grid. Agricultural practices will continue within the development lands.
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Galway 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 X													
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.														
<p>The proposed wind farm development site is under the ownership of Coillte and 43 no. third party landowners who have given consent to 1) provide permission for the construction of the wind farm and the associated infrastructure and 2) to provide temporary improvement/modifications to the road network to facilitate abnormal load delivery.</p> <p>Please refer to Addendum B: Option Agreement Letter</p>														
<p>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.</p>														
<p>The names and addresses of the owners of the lands that are the subject of this application are detailed below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Alfred Lydon</td> <td>27 The Downs, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Breda Egan</td> <td>24 Goldcave Crescent, Tuam, Co. Galway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bridie Hamilton</td> <td>Beaghmore, Belcalre, Tuam, Co. Galway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christopher Roche</td> <td>Emone, Headford, Co. Galway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Declan Bohan & Margaret Bohan</td> <td>Carnamore, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Name	Address	Alfred Lydon	27 The Downs, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath	Breda Egan	24 Goldcave Crescent, Tuam, Co. Galway	Bridie Hamilton	Beaghmore, Belcalre, Tuam, Co. Galway	Christopher Roche	Emone, Headford, Co. Galway	Declan Bohan & Margaret Bohan	Carnamore, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
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Donal Darcy	Feeragh, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway
Felix Egan	Shancloon, Co. Galway
Felix Egan & Breda Egan	Shancloon, Co. Galway/ 24 Goldcave Crescent, Tuam, Co. Galway
Francis (Frank) Walsh	Liskeavy, Milltown, Co. Galway
Frank McDonagh	Rosslodge, Headford, Co. Galway
Graham Hughes	Raheen, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
Ian Dermody	Kilshanvey, Cloghans Hill, Tuam, Co. Galway
James Reilly, Michael Reilly & Patrick Reilly	Cloonaglasha, Tuam, Co. Galway
John (Jack) Murphy	Shrulegrove, Shrute, Co. Mayo
John Joe Quinn (Thomas Quinn beneficial owner)	Cloonbar, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway
John Joseph Greaney	New Line, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
John Madden	Toonacooleen, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
John McCormack	38 Cluain Mhór, Clybaun Road, Co. Galway
John Noonan	Cloonbar, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway
Joseph Moran	Browneslands, Cloghans, Tuam, Co. Galway
Kathleen Lohan	Dalgan Road, Shrute, Co. Mayo
Leo Greaney	New Line, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
Liam Egan	Cloonsheen, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway

Martin (Mattie) Murphy	Dalغان Road, Shrule, Co. Sligo
Martin Burke	Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway
Martin Mulroe and Bridie Mulroe	Churchpark, Shrule, Co. Mayo
Martina Davin	St. Mary's Road, Shrule, Co. Galway
Mary Kennedy	Killamonagh, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
Mary Lee McHugh	Cahernakil, Headford, Co. Galway
Mary Noonan	Cloonbar, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway
Mary Queally & Bernadette Connaire	Caherlistrane, Co. Galway
Mary Shaughnessy & Michael Shaughnessy (Tommy & Teresa Kyne as LPR).	Luimnagh, Headford, Co. Galway
Maurice Igoe	Ballynagittagh, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway
Michael & Billy Staunton	Dalغان, Shrule, Co. Mayo
Nora Healy (Vincent Healy as LPR in the estate of Martin Healy).	Salem Mill Apartments, Hyde Bank Road, New Mills, Derbyshire, England
Paddy (Patrick) Fitzgerald	Mocorha, Shrule, Co. Galway
Patrick Bernard Feerick	29 Mouteagles Glen, Belfast, County Antrim
Patrick Byrne	Ratesh, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway
Patrick Hyland	Brodella, Shrule, Co. Mayo
Patrick Stephens	Corofin, Tuam, Co. Galway
Peter Paul Walsh	Rosslodge, Headford, Co. Galway

Seamus Costello	Belmont, Cloghan's Hill, Co. Galway
Tom Waters	Belmont, Cloghan's Hill, Co. Galway
The Minister of Lands 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.

No. Please refer to Planning Drawings P20-306-0100-0002 to P20-306-0100-0010, site location and site layout drawings accompanying this application which shows the landowner boundaries in blue.

Please refer to Addendum C for Statutory Undertaker letter.

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):

Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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

The OPW Flood Info Website (www.floodinfo.ie) indicates no historical flooding incidents within the Proposed Development. The closest recorded flood events are within 1.6km and 2.0km of the Proposed Development (Flood ID-1823 and Flood ID-646) which do not interact with the Site.

The OPW National Indicative Fluvial Mapping (NIFM) indicates that the location of proposed turbine no. 7 falls within the indicative midrange future climate change scenario 1% AEP (1 in 100 year) and 0.1% AEP (1 in 1000 year) fluvial flood zone. The location of the other turbines and the proposed substation do not fall within the indicative fluvial flood zone.

A Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (SSFRA) including justification test has been prepared as part of the EIAR for the Proposed Development, which includes a 1D-2D hydraulic model for watercourses at and in the vicinity of the proposed wind farm development utilising the Flood Modeller Pro software.

The SSFRA has determined that the location of the proposed substation and the grid connection route do not fall within a delineated predictive fluvial Flood Zone 'A' or Flood Zone 'B'. The location of the proposed sub-station and grid connection route therefore fall within Flood Zone 'C'.

The location of proposed turbines T01, T02, T03, T04, T05, T06, T08, T09, T10 and T11 do not fall within a delineated predictive fluvial Flood Zone 'A' or Flood Zone 'B'. The location of these proposed turbines therefore fall

within Flood Zone 'C'. The location of proposed turbine T07 falls within a delineated predictive fluvial Flood Zone 'A' and Flood Zone 'B'.

The SSFRA is included in Appendix 12.3 of Volume III of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

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

Yes: [] No: [X]

If yes, please give details:

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?

Yes: [] No: [X]

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 of 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: [X]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____ N/A _____

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The Proposed Development for which consent is being sought as part of this planning application will consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of 11 no. wind turbines with a ground to blade tip height range of 179.25 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. • Construction of permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage; • Construction of 13,725 m of internal access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure (of which 1,770 m will be floated road); • Upgrading of 3,565 m of existing tracks and road and associated drainage infrastructure; • Construction of 1,180 m of temporary access track to facilitate HDD cable crossing of the Togher River; • 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; • All associated drainage and sediment control including interceptor drains, cross drains, settlement ponds and swales; • Installation of new watercourse crossings including 1 no. 18.5 m single span bridge crossing and 14 new piped culverts; • All associated excavation, earthworks and spoil management; • 3 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking; • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welfare facilities; ○ Electrical infrastructure; ○ Parking; ○ Wastewater holding tank; ○ Rainwater harvesting tank; ○ Security fencing;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Tonacooleen, with two new 16m high steel loop-in lattice tower end masts for loop-in connection at the connection point. • 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; • Erection of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast to a height of 110 m above ground level with a 4m lightning pole on top. • Turbine Delivery Accommodation works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. ○ 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. ○ L6483 (Ironpool townland) – temporary load bearing surface will be laid and vegetation will be cleared. Two road signs will be temporarily removed. • Felling of 0.54 ha of conifer plantation forestry; • 2,032 m Treeline/hedgerow removal; and • 9.7 ha of Biodiversity Enhancement lands plus 2,457.50 m of hedgerow/treeline planting
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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:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m²
N/A	N/A

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	666.5 m 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:

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

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		x
<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)
The existing use within the subject site is agricultural.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Renewable energy development and agriculture.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The development of renewable energy development comprising of a wind farm of 11 no. wind turbines and all associated infrastructure. Temporary accommodation works at various points along the delivery route to allow for the delivery of turbine components will also be required. See Section 9 of this Application Form for details.

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:
<p>Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well:<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please specify):</p> <p>Not applicable_ Due to the specific nature of the proposed development, there will be a very small water requirement for occasional toilet flushing and hand washing and therefore the water requirement does not necessitate a potable source. _____</p> <p>Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):</p> <p>_____N/A_____</p>
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
<p>Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New:<input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify:

Domestic wastewater from the Substation control buildings to be retained in a sealed storage tank and removed off-site by a permitted waste collector to a permitted/licensed facility for treatment and disposal.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain: ☐ Soakpit: ☐

Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☒ Please specify:

On site drainage including trackside drainage channels, settlement ponds and buffered outfalls as shown on the 100 series Planning Drawings.

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication

Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Refer to Addendum D

- Local Paper: Tuam Herald, Published 17th September 2025
- National Paper: Irish Daily Star, Published 17th September 2025

Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection

Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: ☒ No: ☐

There are a total of 10 no. site notices including notices at the proposed wind farm site, along the proposed turbine delivery route where temporary accommodation works are required. These locations are illustrated in the Planning Drawings that accompany this Application.

Date of erection of site notices: 18th September 2025

A Copy of the Site Notice is included as Addendum E

Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website

www.ShancloonWindFarmSID.ie

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
<p>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.</p> <p>Form no. 22 of Schedule 3 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended is appended with this application form.</p> <p>Pre-application consultations under Section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, took place on 12/03/2025 (ABP-321507-24)</p> <p>Meeting for Request for Design Flexibility under Section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, took place on 12/03/2025 (ABP-321495-24)</p> <p>Enclosed: Addendum F</p> <p>Yes: [X] No:[]</p> <p>Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.</p> <p>Enclosed: Addendum G</p> <p>Yes: [X] No:[]</p>


19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice
<p>Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.</p> <p>EIAR Portal Reference: 2025169, Addendum H</p>

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 paid by EFT (Transfer confirmation in Addendum I).
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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)	 Rita Mansfield Fehily Timoney and Company (Agent)
Date:	18th September 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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