

An
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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)
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2. Applicant:

Name of Applicant:	Dara Energy Ltd
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Email Address (if any):	Nicholas.lyons@inisonshorewind.ie

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Henry Nicholas Lyons Damien Courtney
Registered Address (of company)	7 Exchange Pl, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin, D01 T9C2
Company Registration No.	598120
Telephone No.	+353 85 8595477
Email Address (if any)	Nicholas.lyons@inisonshorewind.ie

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

Name:	Robyn Nicholl
Address:	Fehily Timoney & Company Core House, Pouladuff Road, Cork T12 D773
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Email address (if any)	robyn.nicholl@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:

Robyn Nicholl

Tele: +353 (0)1 658 3500

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Colm Sheehan
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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.

All details of plans/drawings submitted can be found on the schedule of drawings, please refer to Addendum 1 of this application.

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The Proposed Wind Farm, turbine delivery route, and grid connection route is located within the townlands of Kilbeggan South, Hallsfarm, Stonehouse Farm; Ballybought, Durrow Demesne, Aghancarnan, Gormagh, Acantha, Ballynasrah or Tinnycross, Ardan, Puttaghan, Cappancur, Cloncollog, Meelaghans, Annagharvey, Ballycollin, Ballina, Ballyknockan, Ballymooney, Ballycue, Ballinagar, Knockballyboy, Clonad, Townparks, Castlebarnagh Big, Killoneen, Killeen, Esker Beg, Ballycon, Drumcaw or Mountlucas, Derrycricket, Ballaghassaan, Walshisland, Bunnagappagh, Coolagary, Raheenakeeran, Enaghan, Moanvane, Cushina, Clonsast Lower, and Chevychase or Derrynadarragh in County Offaly; Aughrim and Derrylea in County Kildare; and Inchacooly, Coolnaferagh, Ullard or Controversyland, Clonanny, Lea, Loughmansland Glebe, and Bracklone in County Laois. The proposed grid connection cable underground cabling will traverse the following roads; Derrylea Road; L71764; L7176; L71761; R424; and R420 (Lea Road). The Turbine Delivery Route will begin, from the port of entry of Galway from Lough Atalia Road, R339, crossing junction with R338, continuing on R339, R336, N6, onto the M6, exiting M6 at Junction 5 Tullamore, N52, R420, R402, R400, R419, onto the proposed new site entrance off the R419.
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	OSI Ref Numbers: 3497,3437,3376,3439,3550,3599,3600,3601,3657,3656.
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	213.67 ha

Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Site is located in a rural area and is not contained within any landuse zonings of Kildare CDP, Offaly CDP, Laois CDP – Site is an unzoned, greenfield site. Local policy designations relating to Wind Energy Development: • ‘Acceptable in Principle’ within the Kildare CDP; and • ‘Area Open for Consideration’ within Offaly CDP.
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing - Agricultural use Proposed – Proposed Wind Farm comprising 9 no. turbines, onsite 110kV substation, turbine delivery route, and grid connection route between proposed onsite substation and existing Bracklone Substation.
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Kildare County Council, Offaly County Council, & Laois 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.		
The applicant has an Option Agreement on lands, as outlined within the Site Location Plan.		
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.		
Please see List of Landowners, and Letters of Consent provided in Addendum 2 of this application. A Statutory Undertaker Letter is also provided in Addendum 5 of this application for cable works on the public road. Landowner letters of consent and complete list of landowners and addresses also provided at Appendix 2.6, Volume 3 of the EIAR.		
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 within the interest of the applicant are denoted within the Site Location Plan - which includes the red line for the planning application boundary, and all other optioned areas of land within the blue line boundary.		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded? Yes: [X] No: [] If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent: <u>Last reports of flooding was 2008, as denoted on www.floodinfo.ie</u> 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 N/A		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____ N/A		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	The proposed development will comprise: • A 10-year permission and a 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire Wind Farm. • Construction of 9 no. wind turbines – 4 no. turbines will have a tip height of 186m above existing ground level with a hub height of 105m and rotor diameter of 162m, and 5 no. turbines will have a tip height of 187m above existing ground level with a hub height of 106m and rotor diameter of 162m. • Construction of permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage; • Construction of 1 no. new main site entrance on Regional Road R419 to serve as construction and operation access, and upgrade works to 1 no. existing site entrance (Derrylea Road) to the south to service for construction only; • Construction of 9,360m of new internal access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure; • Upgrading of 550m of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure; • All associated drainage and sediment control including interceptor drains, cross drains, sediment ponds and swales; • Installation of 1 no. permanent single span bridge crossing Cushina River within the proposed Wind Farm site; • All associated infrastructure, services and site works including excavation, earthworks, peat and spoil management; • Creation of dedicated peat and spoil deposition areas for the management of peat and spoil within the site; • Establishment of 3 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking; • Establishment of 2 no. temporary wheel washing areas during construction only; • Forestry felling of 6.01ha (60,100 m²) to facilitate construction and operation of the Proposed Development; • Provision of recreational amenity area comprising 2 no. parking spaces and picnic table; • Biodiversity enhancement measures within the site boundary; • Construction of 1 no. IPP Substation and associated compound including: ○ Wind farm Control building with welfare facilities ○ Electrical infrastructure ○ Parking ○ Security Fencing
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	• Construction of 1 no. permanent onsite 110kV TSO electrical substation and associated compound including: ○ Welfare facilities; ○ TSO control building ○ Electrical infrastructure; ○ Parking; ○ Wastewater holding tank; ○ Rainwater harvesting tank; ○ Security fencing. • Installation of medium voltage electrical and communication cabling underground between the proposed turbines and the proposed on-site TSO substation and associated ancillary works; • Installation of 11.4km of permanent high voltage (110kV) and communication cabling underground, primarily within the public roads between the proposed on-site substation and the Bracklone Substation (within the townland of Bracklone in Co. Laois) and associated ancillary works. The proposed grid connection cable works will include trenching, laying of ducting, installing 15 no. joint bays and 5 no. watercourse crossings, pulling cables and the back filling of trenches and reinstatement works, within the townlands of Cushina in County Offaly; Aughrim and Derrylea in County Kildare, and Inchacooly, Coolnaferagh, Ullard or Controversyland, Clonanny, Lea, Loughmansland Glebe, and Bracklone in County Laois. The underground cabling will traverse the following roads; Derrylea Road; L71764; L7176; L71761; R424; and R420 (Lea Road); • Accommodation works required along the Proposed Turbine Delivery Route (TDR) to facilitate turbine component deliveries at the following six locations: ○ Construction of load bearing surface, removal of vegetation and trees, and reprofiling of embankment on R420/R402 Junction within the townland of Ballina, Co. Offaly; ○ Construction of load bearing surface, removal of railing and planters, and reprofiling of road on R402 at junction to L2025 Ballinagar, within the townland of Ballinagar, Co. Offaly; ○ Installation of 1 no. permanent single span bridge crossing Daingean River at R402/R400 Junction and Philipstown Bridge along Turbine Delivery Route, within the townlands of Esker Beg and Drumcaw or Mountlucas, Co. Offaly; ○ Construction of load bearing surface, removal of vegetation and trees, reprofiling on R400, within the townlands of Drumcaw or Mountlucas, Co. Offaly;
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	○ Construction of load bearing surface, removal of vegetation and trees, reprofiling on R400 at junction to L1013 Enaghan, within the townland of Enaghan, Co. Offaly; ○ Construction of load bearing surface on northeastern verge, removal of vegetation and trees, reprofiling on R400, within the townland of Moanvane, Co. Offaly; ○ Construction of load bearing surface, removal of vegetation and trees, and reprofiling of embankment on R419 at junction to R400, within the townland of Cushina, Co. Offaly. A 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought. This reflects the lifespan of modern-day turbines. A permanent planning permission is being sought for the Grid Connection and onsite 110 kV 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 Proposed Wind Farm.
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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
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	N/A
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: N/A	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
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. 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). 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.		

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 landcover is classified by Tailte Eireann's National Land Cover map as improved grassland, treelines, hedgerows, transitional forest, coniferous forest, broadleaved forest and woodland, mixed forest, scrub, bare peat, bare soil and disturbed ground, and artificial surfaces (forest roads).
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
The proposed development comprises a Wind Farm, including an onsite 110kV substation, grid connection cabling, and turbine delivery route works.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The Proposed Development consists of a 9 no. turbine wind farm and associated infrastructure including internal access tracks, hard standings, onsite 110kV substation and associated grid connection infrastructure, electrical and communications cabling between turbines and on-site substation (medium voltage) and between on-site substation to Bracklone Substation (high voltage), temporary construction compounds, drainage infrastructure, amenity provision, biodiversity enhancement measures, temporary accommodations works along the Proposed Turbine Delivery Route and all associated works related to the construction of the Proposed Development.

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?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			✓
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.			✓
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			✓
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		✓	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		✓	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			✓
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			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			✓
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			✓
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			✓
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			✓

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
Existing connection: ☐ New Connection: ☐ Public Mains: ☐ Group Water Scheme: ☐ Private Well: ☐ Other ☒ (please specify): <u>Not required for the Proposed Wind Farm</u> Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): <u>N/A</u>
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: ☐ New: ☐ Public Sewer: ☐ Conventional septic tank system: ☐ Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify: <u>Not required for the Proposed Wind Farm</u>
Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
Public Sewer / Drain: ☐ Soakpit: ☐ Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☒ Please specify: <u>Surface water is diffused over ground and incorporated into the existing field drain network.</u>

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [X] No:[] • 23/09/2025 - Leinster Leader and Leinster Express • 24/09/2025 - Irish Independent
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [✓] No:[] Date of erection - 23/09/2025
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
The application may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website: www.derrynadarraghplanning.ie 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 3rd October 2025 at the following locations: • The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday). • Kildare County Council, Planning Department, Áras Chill Dara Devoy Park, Naas, Co Kildare W91 X77F. • Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore Co. Offaly R35 F893. • Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, JFL Ave., Portlaoise, Co. Laois R32 EHP9.

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.
Enclosed:
Yes: ☒ No: ☐ A copy of this consultation correspondence is included in Addendum 3 of this application.
Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.
Enclosed:
Yes: ☒ No: ☐ this list is included in Addendum 4 of this application.

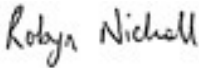
19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice
Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.
The EIA Portal ID is 2025172 and the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal. Please see enclosed EIA Portal Application Confirmation at Addendum 6.

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 (See EFT Confirmation of Payment at Addendum 7 of this application.)
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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)	
Date:	24/09/2025

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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