

National Business Service Unit,  
National Environmental Health Service,  
HSE,  
2nd Floor Oak House,  
Millennium Park,  
Naas, Co Kildare,  
W91 KDC2

Our Ref: P22145-FT-EGN-XX-LT-PM-0005

10 October 2025

**Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Planning Application for the development of a Wind Farm consisting of 9 no. turbines (and all associated works) in the townlands of Kilbeggan South, Hallsfarm, Stonehouse Farm; Ballybought, Durrow Demesne, Aghancarnan, Gormagh, Acantha, Ballynasrah or Tinnycross, Ardan, Puttaghan, Cappancur, Cloncollog, Meelaghans, Annaghharvey, 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.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Dara Energy limited, we are submitting a Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP). In its letter dated 08th September 2025, ACP confirmed that the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes SID and therefore the planning application should be made directly to the Commission. In that letter, the Commission provided a list of prescribed bodies to be consulted. Your organisation was on this list and therefore we are providing you with this letter and **1 no. electronic copy (please see enclosed USB)** of the planning application documents for your consideration.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- 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 m<sup>2</sup>) 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.
- 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 pro-posed 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 Sub-station (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 In-chacooly, 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 tur-bine component deliveries at the following seven 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;
  - 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.

The application is seeking a 10-year permission and a 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning for the renewable energy development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany the planning application.

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.

The application may also be viewed / downloaded on the following website:  
[www.derrynadarraghplanning.ie](http://www.derrynadarraghplanning.ie).

In considering this application, An Coimisiún Pleanála can decide to:

- a) grant the permission/approval, or
- b) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- c) 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
- d) Refuse permission to grant the permission/approval.

Any submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- a) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- b) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- c) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

Any submissions/observations must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than 5.30pm on the **24th November 2025**. A copy of this letter of notification was originally issued on the 24th of September to the National Environmental Health Service, HSE, Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Steeven's Lane, Dublin 8, D08 W2A8. We have now been requested by An Coimisiún Pleanála to reissue this notification to the National Business Service Unit in Kildare. The original deadline for receipt of submissions (21st November 2025) has now been changed to the 24th November 2025 for the HSE, to allow for a six week time period for any HSE submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.



Yours sincerely,

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for and on behalf of Fehily Timoney and Company

Encl.