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National Business Service Unit,
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HSE, 2nd Floor Oak House,
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Naas, Co. Kildare,
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Our Ref: 190723

Your Ref:

Date: 22nd October 2025

Re: Section 37E Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a Wind Farm Development (and all associated works) at Cooloo, Co. Galway

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Neoen Renewables Ireland Limited, (Ferry House, 48-53 Lower Mount Street Dublin 2, D02 PT98, Ireland), please find enclosed a copy of the planning application for the proposed construction of a wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) within the townlands of Cloondahamper (Blake), Cloonascragh, Elmhill, Cooloo, Lecarrow, Dangan Eighter, Lissavally and Slievegorm in Co. Galway which comprises a renewable energy development as defined by The European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025.

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. In correspondence from An Coimisiún Pleanála dated 19th September 2025, following pre-application consultations with the Commission (ABP Ref. 316466), An Coimisiún Pleanála confirmed the SID nature of the proposed development and prescribed a list of bodies to be notified of the application. Your organisation was included in the list of prescribed bodies and therefore we wish to provide you with a copy of the application for your consideration.

The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:

- i. 9 no. wind turbines with the following parameters:
 - Total turbine tip height of 180 metres;
 - A rotor blade diameter of 150 - 162 metres;
 - A hub height of 99 - 105 metres;
- ii. Permanent turbine foundations, hard-standing and assembly areas;
- iii. Underground electrical (33kV) and communications cabling;
- iv. 1 no. temporary construction compound (including site offices and welfare facilities);
- v. A meteorological mast with a height of 100 metres, security fencing and associated foundation and hard-standing area;
- vi. 1 no. new site entrance on the R332 in the townland Lisavally;
- vii. 1 no. new access and egress point off the L6056 Local Road in the townland of Dangan Eighter;
- viii. 1 no. new access and egress point on to an existing access track of the L62312 in the townland of Dangan Eighter;
- ix. 1 no. new access and egress points off the L6301 Local Road in the townland of Cooloo and Lecarrow;



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- x. Upgrade of existing site tracks/roads and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hard-standing areas;
- xi. A new temporary access road from N63 national road and to R332 Regional Road in the townland of Slievegorm to facilitate the delivery of turbine components and other abnormal sized loads;
- xii. Demolition of an existing derelict house and adjacent outbuilding in the townland of Cooloo;
- xiii. Peat and Spoil Management Areas;
- xiv. Tree felling and hedgerow removal;
- xv. Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan measures;
- xvi. Site Drainage;
- xvii. Operational Stage site signage; and
- xviii. All ancillary apparatus and site development works above and below ground, including soft and hard landscaping.

This application seeks a ten-year planning permission and 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the Proposed Wind Farm.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is 2025179 and that the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- > Planning Application Documentation
- > Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with Application Form)
- > Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - o Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
 - o Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet
 - o Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices
- > Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

See enclosed 1 No. electronic copy of each document listed above. Galway County Council have received 1 no. hard copy and 1 no. soft copy of the application pack. The application will be available for inspection at the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála and Galway County Council for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 3rd October 2025*.

**Please note that there was an oversight in the initial list of Prescribed Bodies notified of this application, however this matter has now been addressed with this notification letter. Notwithstanding this, please be advised that your organisation continues to have a six-week period, commencing on the 24th October and ending on 4th December 2025, within which to provide a submission or observation in respect of the application.*

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: <https://www.cooloowindfarm.com/>.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (the Commission) in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of six weeks relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.



Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission not later than the amended date of **5.30 p.m. on the 4th December 2025**.

Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- 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,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission.

The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie). The Commission may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a)
 - (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission 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
- (b) 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 (Tel. 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 Rules 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. Practical Information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Commissions website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Yours sincerely,



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