



APPENDIX 4

LIST OF PLANS AND PROJECTS

1. ASSESSMENT OF CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

1.1 Plans

The following development plans have been reviewed and taken into consideration as part of this assessment:

- > Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028
- > 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030
- > Northern and Western Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032

The review focused on policies and objectives that relate to Natura 2000 sites and natural heritage. Policies and objectives relating to sustainable land use were also reviewed and are provided in the table below.

Table 1-1 Assessment of plans

Plans	Key Policies and Objectives directly related to European Sites and Biodiversity in the Zone of Influence	Assessment of Potential Impact on Biodiversity
Galway County Development Plan 2022 – 2028	Policy Objectives Natural Heritage and Biodiversity NHB 1 Natural Heritage and Biodiversity of Designated Sites, Habitats and Species Protect and where possible enhance the natural heritage sites designated under EU Legislation and National Legislation (Habitats Directive, Birds Directive, European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and Wildlife Acts and extend to any additions or alterations to sites that may occur during the lifetime of this plan. Protect and, where possible, enhance the plant and animal species and their habitats that have been identified under European legislation (Habitats and Birds Directive) and protected under national Legislation (European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (SI 477 of 2011), Wildlife Acts (as amended) and the Flora Protection Order (SI 94 of 1999). Support the protection, conservation and enhancement of natural heritage and biodiversity, including the protection of the integrity of European sites, that form part of the Natura 2000 network, the protection of Natural Heritage Areas, proposed Natural Heritage Areas, Ramsar Sites, Nature Reserves, Wild Fowl Sanctuaries (and other designated sites including any future designations) and the promotion of the development of a green/ ecological network. NHB 2 European Sites and Appropriate Assessment To implement Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and to ensure that Appropriate Assessment is carried out in relation to works, plans and projects likely to impact on European sites (SACs and SPAs), whether directly or indirectly or in combination with any other plan(s) or project(s). All assessments must be in compliance with the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011. All such projects and plans will also be required to comply with statutory Environmental Impact Assessment requirements where relevant. NHB 3 Protection of European Sites No plans, programmes, or projects etc. giving rise to significant cumulative, direct, indirect or secondary impacts on European sites arising from their size or scale, land take, proximity, resource requirements, emissions (disposal to land, water or air), transportation requirements, duration of	The Development plan was comprehensively reviewed, with particular reference to Policies and Objectives that relate to European Designated Sites. A comprehensive Natura Impact Statement has been submitted alongside this application in which cumulative impacts with regard to European Sites is assessed. No potential for negative cumulative impacts on European Sites when considered in conjunction with the current proposal were identified. No developments or projects identified within the Development Plan were found to occur in the wider area surrounding the Proposed Project.

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	construction, operation, decommissioning or from any other effects shall be permitted on the basis of this Plan (either individually or in combination with other plans, programmes, etc. or projects.* NHB 4 Ecological Appraisal of Biodiversity Ensure, where appropriate, the protection and conservation of areas, sites, species and ecological/networks of biodiversity value outside designated sites. Where appropriate require an ecological appraisal, for development not directly connected with or necessary to the management of European Sites, or a proposed European Site and which are likely to have significant effects on that site either individually or cumulatively. NHB 5 Ecological Connectivity and Corridors Support the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and ecological connectivity in non-designated sites, including woodlands, trees, hedgerows, semi-natural grasslands, rivers, streams, natural springs, wetlands, stonewalls, geological and geo-morphological systems, other landscape features and associated wildlife areas where these form part of the ecological network and/or may be considered as ecological corridors in the context of Article 10 of the Habitats Directive. NHB 6 Implementation of Plans and Strategies Support the implementation of any relevant recommendations contained in the National Heritage Plan 2030, the National Biodiversity Plan, the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and the National Peatlands Strategy and any such plans and strategies during the lifetime of this plan. NHB 7 Mitigation Measures Require mitigating measures in certain cases where it is evident that biodiversity is likely to be affected. These measures may, in association with other specified requirements, include establishment of wildlife areas/corridors/parks, hedgerow, tree planting, wildflower meadows/marshes and other areas. With regard to residential development, in certain cases, these measures may be carried out in conjunction with the provision of open space and/or play areas.	

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	NHB 8 Increased Awareness of the County's Biodiversity and Natural Heritage Facilitate increased awareness of the County's biodiversity and natural heritage through the provision of information to landowners and the community generally, in cooperation with statutory and other partners. NHB 9 Protection of Bats and Bats Habitats Seek to protect bats and their roosts, their feeding areas, flight paths and commuting routes. Ensure that development proposals in areas which are potentially important for bats, including areas of woodland, linear features such as hedgerows, stonewalls, watercourses and associated riparian vegetation which may provide migratory/foraging uses shall be subject to suitable assessment for potential impacts on bats. This will include an assessment of the cumulative loss of habitat or the impact on bat populations and activity in the area and may include a specific bat survey. Assessments shall be carried out by a suitably qualified professional and where development is likely to result in significant adverse effects on bat populations or activity in the area, development will be prohibited or require mitigation and/or compensatory measures, as appropriate. The impact of lighting on bats and their roosts and the lighting up of objects of cultural heritage must be adequately assessed in relation to new developments and the upgrading of existing lighting systems. NHB 10 NPWS & Integrated Management Plans Article 6(1) of the Habitats Directive requires that Member States establish the necessary conservation measures for European sites involving, if need be, appropriate management plans specifically designed for the sites or integrated into other development plans. The NPWS's current priority is to identify site specific conservation objectives; management plans may be considered after this is done. Where Integrated Management Plans are being prepared by the NPWS for European sites (or parts thereof), the NPWS shall be engaged with in order to ensure that plans are fully integrated with the Plan and other plans and programmes, with the intention that such plans are practical, achievable and sustainable and have regard to all relevant ecological, cultural, social and economic considerations, including those of local communities.	

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	Policy Objectives: Climate Change CC 1 Climate Change Support and facilitate the implementation of European, National and Regional objectives for climate adaptation and mitigation taking into account other provisions of the Plan (including those relating to land use planning, energy, sustainable mobility, flood risk management and drainage) and having regard to the Climate mitigation and adaptation measures. CC 2 Transition to a low carbon, climate-resilient society It is a policy objective of the Planning Authority to support the transition to a competitive, low carbon, climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable economy by 2050, by way of reducing greenhouse gases, increasing renewable energy, and improving energy efficiency. CC 4 Local Authority Climate Action Plan Support the preparation of a Climate Action Plan for County Galway. CC 5 Climate Adaptation and Mitigation To promote, support and direct effective climate action policies and objectives that seek to improve climate outcomes across County Galway through the encouragement and integration of appropriate mitigation and adaptation considerations and measures into all development and decision-making processes. CC 6 Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy (LARES) To support the implementation of the Renewable Energy Strategy contained in Appendix 1 of the Galway County Development Plan to facilitate the transition to a low carbon county. CC 7 Climate Action Fund	

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	Support the delivery of sustainable development projects under the European Green Deal and utilise the Climate Action Fund/Just Transition Fund established under the National Development Plan to encourage public and private climate mitigation and adaptation projects in line with criteria set out by the Fund at that time. CC 8 Climate Action and Development Location To implement, through the plan and future local areas plans, policies that support and encourage sustainable compact growth and settlement patterns, integrate land use and transportation, and maximise opportunities through development location, form, layout and design to secure climate resilience and reduce carbon dioxide and greenhouse emissions. CC 9 Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation Galway County Council shall incorporate climate change adaptation into land use planning, building layouts, energy, transport, natural resource management, forestry, agriculture and marine waters. CC 10 Green Infrastructure Galway County Council shall promote the benefit of open spaces and implement the integration of green infrastructure/networks (e.g. interconnected network of green spaces (including aquatic ecosystems) and other physical features on land) into new development and regeneration proposals in order to mitigate and adapt to climate change Policy Objectives Renewable Energy RE1 Renewable Energy Generation and ancillary facilities To facilitate and support appropriate levels of renewable energy generation and ancillary facilities in the county to meet national, regional and county renewable energy targets, to facilitate a reduction in CO2 emissions and the promotion of a low carbon economy.	

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	RE 2 Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy The policy objectives and Development Management Standards set out in the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy for County Galway shall be deemed the policy objectives and development management standards for the purpose of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028. RE 3 Wind Energy Developments Promote and facilitate wind farm developments in suitable locations, having regard to areas of the County designated for this purpose in the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy. The Planning Authority will assess any planning application proposals for wind energy production in accordance with the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy, the DoEHLG Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Wind Energy Development, 2006 (or any updated/superseded documents), having due regard to the Habitats Directive and to the detailed policy objectives and Development Standards set out in the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy. RE 5 Renewable Energy Strategy Support and facilitate the sustainable development and the use of appropriate renewable energy resources and associated infrastructure within the County having due regard to the Habitats Directive and to the detailed policy objectives and Development Standards set out in the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy as follows: • Renewable Energy Transmission • Renewable Energy Generation • ‘Strategic Areas’ for renewable energy development • Onshore Wind Energy • Solar Energy Bioenergy/Anaerobic Digestion • Micro-renewables • Marine Renewables • Hydro Energy • Geothermal Energy • Alternative Technologies	

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	• Energy Efficiency & Conservation • Sustainable Transport • Auto production • Battery Storage • Repowering/Renewing Wind Energy Developments • Community Ownership RE 6 Oileáin Árann an Energy Transition Community The Planning Authority shall continue to support Comharchumann Fuinnimh Oileáin Árann (Aran Islands Energy Cooperative), SEAI and Údarás na Gaeltachta in their objective to develop the Islands as being energy independent and becoming Ireland's first energy transition community. Policy Objective Pollinators PO 1 To facilitate the delivery of the All Ireland Pollinator Plan where possible. In the interest of preserving and enhancing biodiversity and working in conjunction with the All Ireland Pollinator Plan - It shall be the policy objective of the Planning Authority to ensure that at least 20% of the green space on all housing estates being built will have to be dedicated, developed and maintained as a pollinator zone. The area dedicated can be confined to one single lot or various lots around the site providing that the total area of the lots meets the minimum requirement of 20%. The pollinator zones should be planted with a mix of pollinator friendly-bulbs, self seeding annuals and biennials, perennials, shrubs, trees, fruit trees and fruit bushes and the majority of this planting should consist of native plants. Policy Objective Invasive Species IS 1 Control of Invasive and Alien Invasive Species It is a policy objective of the Planning Authority to support measures for the prevention and eradication of invasive species. Policy Objectives Rural Development EG 4 Ireland's Grid Development Strategy Support the implementation of Ireland's Grid Development Strategy, while taking into account landscape, residential, amenity and environmental considerations.	

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	Policy Objective Wetlands, Turloughs, Watercourses and Fens WTWF 1 Wetland Sites Protect and conserve the ecological and biodiversity heritage of the wetland sites in the County. Ensure that an appropriate level of assessment is completed in relation to wetland habitats that are subject to proposals which would involve drainage or reclamation that might destroy, fragment or degrade any wetland in the county. This includes lakes and ponds, turloughs, watercourses, springs and swamps, marshes, fens, heath, peatlands, some woodlands as well as some coastal and marine habitats. Protect Ramsar sites under The Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (especially as Waterfowl Habitat). Policy Objectives Trees, Woodlands, Hedgerows and Stone Walls TWHS 1 Trees, Hedgerows, Natural Boundaries and Stone Walls Protect and seek to retain important trees, tree clusters and tree boundaries, ancient woodland, natural boundaries including stonewalls, existing hedgerows particularly species rich roadside and townland boundary hedgerows, where possible and replace with a boundary type similar to the existing boundary. Ensure that new development proposals take cognisance of significant trees/tree stands and that all planting schemes developed are suitable for the specific site and use suitable native variety of trees of Irish provenance and hedgerows of native species. Seek Tree Management Plans to ensure that trees are adequately protected during development and incorporated into the design of new developments. TWHS 3 Protection of Forestry Protect all substantial areas of deciduous forest, other than areas of commercial forestry. Proposals for development in these areas should seek to interact with the landscape character of the forested areas and its limits while also enhancing the forested areas so as to increase biodiversity value. Policy Objectives Green and Blue Infrastructure	

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	GBI 1 New Developments Require all proposals for large scale development to contribute to the protection, management and enhancement of the existing green/blue infrastructure of the County and the delivery of new green/blue infrastructure, where appropriate by including a green/ blue infrastructure plan as an integral part of any planning application. This plan should identify environmental and ecological assets, constraints and opportunities and shall include proposals which protect, manage, and enhance the development of green infrastructure resources in a sustainable manner. GBI 2 Green/Blue Infrastructure Network Facilitate the ongoing development and improvement of a green/blue infrastructure network for urban and rural areas, connecting both natural and semi-natural corridors such as including green spaces, open spaces, green amenities, residual land, rivers and canals. Enhancements along natural features may include the provision of riparian buffers, community food programmes (allotments) and wild areas for pollination thus ensuring the provision of natural areas for the benefit of biodiversity, wildlife and climate adaptation.	
Northern and Western Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy 2020-2032	<u>Regional Policy Objective 5.5</u> – Ensure efficient and sustainable use of all our natural resources, including inland waterways, peatlands, and forests in a manner which ensures a healthy society a clean environment and there is no net contribution to biodiversity loss arising from development supported in this strategy. Conserve and protect designated areas and natural heritage areas. Conserve and protect European sites and their integrity. <u>Regional Policy Objective 5.7</u> - Ensure that all plans, projects and activities requiring consent arising from the RSES are subject to the relevant environmental assessment requirements including SEA, EIA and AA as appropriate	The strategy was reviewed, with particular reference to Policies and Objectives that relate to European Sites. No potential for cumulative impacts when considered in conjunction with the current proposal were identified.
4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030	Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030 (Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, 2024) (the "NBAP"). The NBAP strives for a "whole of government, whole of society" approach to the governance and conservation of biodiversity. It demonstrates Ireland's continuing commitment to meeting and acting on its obligations to protect Ireland's biodiversity for the benefit of future generations and will implement this through a number of key targets, actions and objectives.	No cumulative impacts were identified upon review of the Plan in conjunction with the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project will not contravene the proposed objectives of the NBAP.

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	The Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2023 introduced a new public sector duty on biodiversity. The legislation provides that every public body, as listed in the Act, is obliged to have regard to the objectives and targets in the NBAP. The NBAP sets out five key objectives as follows: › Objective 1: Adopt a Whole-of Government, Whole of-Society Approach to Biodiversity. Proposed actions include capacity and resource reviews across Government; determining responsibilities for the expanding biodiversity agenda providing support for communities, citizen scientists and business; and mechanisms for the governance and review of this National Biodiversity Action Plan. › Objective 2: Meet Urgent Conservation and Restoration Needs. Supporting actions will build on existing conservation measures. Efforts to tackle Invasive Alien Species will be elevated. The protected area network will be expanded to include the Marine Protected Areas. The ambition of the EU Biodiversity Strategy will be considered as part of an evolving work programme across Government. › Objective 3: Secure Nature's Contribution to People. Actions highlight the relationship between nature and people in Ireland. These include recognising the tangible and intangible values of biodiversity, promoting nature's importance to our culture and heritage and recognising how biodiversity supports our society and our economy. › Objective 4: Enhance the Evidence Base for Action on Biodiversity. This objective focuses on biodiversity research needs, as well as the development and strengthening of long-term monitoring programmes that will underpin and strengthen future decision-making. Action will also focus on collaboration to advance ecosystem accounting that will contribute towards natural capital accounts. › Objective 5: Strengthen Ireland's Contribution to International Biodiversity Initiatives. Collaboration with other countries and across the island of Ireland will play a key role in the realisation of this Objective. Ireland will strengthen its contribution to international biodiversity initiatives and international governance processes, such as the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.	

1.2 Other Projects

Assessment material for this in-combination impact assessment was compiled on the relevant developments within the vicinity of the Proposed Project.. The material was gathered through a search of relevant online Planning Registers, reviews of relevant documents, planning application details and planning drawings, and served to identify past and future projects, their activities, and their environmental impacts. All relevant projects were considered in relation to the potential for in-combination effects. All relevant data was reviewed (e.g., individual AASR/NIS, EISs/EIARs, layouts, drawings etc.) for all relevant projects where available. The projects considered include those listed below. In addition, the potential for cumulative effect with planning applications within the Clare River catchment were also considered as described in the EIAR Chapter 9

1.2.1 Projects within 200m of the Permitted Substation and Grid Connection

Table 1-2 Projects in close proximity to Proposed Grid Connection

Planning Authority	Application Number	Development Description	Development Category	Application Status	Decision	Grant Date
Galway County Council	2374	To erect 20kw domestic wind turbine and associated site works.	Energy/Telecoms	Permitted	Granted	18/03/2024
Galway County Council	23355	To upgrade the existing 220k overhead line between the existing Cashla 220kV Substation in the townland of Barrettspark, Co. Galway, & Tower 138 in the townland of Oughtagh, Co. Galway. The Proposed Project will consist of refurbishment works to the existing overhead Line (approximately 49 km long & comprising of 138no. steel angle masts). The refurbishment works to towers will consist of: installation of replacement parts on the towers including insulators, shield wire, vibration dampeners, arching horns & anti-climbing guards; associated site development works, including temporary work areas, foundation refurbishment /strengthening & recapping/clearing of shear blocks; clearance of shear block bases; & ancillary works; ancillary site preparation works, site clearance & levelling at the 6no. temporary construction compounds & associated temporary works to existing tracks & new temporary access routes to provide internal access routes to each tower with all associated works required to facilitate the development. No works will be undertaken to the overhead line (conductor).	Energy/Telecoms	Application finalised	Conditional	17/09/2024

Planning Authority	Application Number	Development Description	Development Category	Application Status	Decision	Grant Date
		The proposed development will also consist of upgrades to the Cashla 220kV substation that will consist of: the decommissioning and removal of line bay equipment within the substation boundary; construction of a new adjacent offline like for like line bay & associated bay protection cabinets within the substation boundary; & new overhead lines connection between the end mast & the new line bay. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be submitted to the planning authority with the application				
Galway County Council	221175	For the development consisting of a wind energy development comprising of one electricity generating wind turbine, with an overall blade tip height of up to 168m, construction of c. 150m of permanent access track, 110m of temporary access track, road widening works along the existing local access road from the R327 to the proposed site access track, a crane hardstand, a 20kV substation, site electrical & fibre optic cabling & ancillary site works. The maximum output capacity of the wind farm will be c.4.8MW. This application is seeking a 10-year permission & a 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the wind farm. The planning application is accompanied by Natura Impact Statement (NIS)	Energy/Telecoms	Permitted	Granted	20/11/2023
Galway County Council	201473	To construct a dwelling house, domestic garage / fuel store, septic tank, treatment system, percolation area and all ancillary site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 221 sqm (house) & 60 sqm (garage)	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	30/11/2020
Galway County Council	20424	Development of a) extensions to existing house constructed in the 1980's, b) remodel and extend existing dwelling house, c) remove existing septic tank and install new effluent treatment system and percolation area, d) remove existing garage and construct new garage, and all associated works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 96 sqm (House), 60 sqm (Garage). Gross floor space of work to be retained 178sqm, Gross floor space of any demolition 22sqm (Garage)	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	06/07/2020
Galway County Council	191901	For a) existing agricultural access roadway, (a) retain existing slatted shed, (b) construct a new slatted shed extension to existing shed, (c) retain existing dry shed for farm machinery and straw, (d) construct new dry shed for farm	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	29/07/2020

Planning Authority	Application Number	Development Description	Development Category	Application Status	Decision	Grant Date
		machinery and dry feed, (e) construct a new concrete silage storage slab and all associated works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 581 sqm, Gross floor space of work to be retained: 581 sqm				
Galway County Council	21962	To construct the following: 2 no. slatted sheds with creep areas, storage shed, roofed manure pit, silage slab and bale storage area along with all associated site works (gross floor space 1263 sqm)	Agricultural	Application finalised	Unconditional	26/07/2021
Galway County Council	201261	For construction of a dwelling house, treatment system, percolation area and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works; 295sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	03/12/2020
Galway County Council	191761	For 2 no. hard-core turning areas, retention of an upgrade to an existing agricultural track and retention of a new agricultural track. Gross floor space of work to be retained: 0.9378 Ha	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	15/01/2020
Galway County Council	201852	To construct a two bay double slatted cattle shed with creep area. Gross floor space of proposed works: 238 sqm	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	08/02/2021
Galway County Council	23209	Development of a) new dwelling house, b) domestic garage & c) wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. All on revised site boundaries to approved Pl. Ref: 22/437	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	13/07/2023
Galway County Council	21350	For development consisting of the construction of a single storey extension (18 sqm) to existing dwelling house and associated works. Gross floor space of proposed works: Gross floor space of proposed works: 18 sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	05/05/2021
Galway County Council	212022	Sought to construct a dwelling house, domestic garage/fuel store, septic tank and treatment system, percolation area and all ancillary site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: House: 224 sqm, Garage: 60 sqm.	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	13/04/2022

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Galway County Council	20642	The development will consist of the construction of a single storey dwelling house (c 166sqm), domestic garage (c 60sqm), wastewater treatment system and all associated site works; Gross floor space of proposed works; 226sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	15/07/2020
Galway County Council	23343	To construct six-bay single slatted cattle shed with creep area	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	24/11/2023
Galway County Council	22839	To construct a dwelling house, domestic garage/fuel store, septic tank, treatment system and percolation area and all ancillary site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 202 sqm (H) & 44 sqm (G)	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	23/08/2022
Galway County Council	23119	For the development consisting of an 80-metre-high temporary meteorological mast and all associated works for a period of 5 years	Commercial	Application finalised	Conditional	17/05/2023
Galway County Council	2461488	To construct a new dwelling house with wastewater treatment plant, polishing filter, domestic garage and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 83.79 sqm (H), 39.96 (G)	Residential	New application	N/A	N/A
Galway County Council	2335	To construct a dwellinghouse, wastewater treatment system, polishing filter, domestic garage & all associated site services & works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 224.1 sqm & 50.05 sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	18/10/2023
Galway County Council	22624	To construct a new dwelling house with wastewater treatment plant, percolation area and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 100.8sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	31/08/2022
Galway County Council	21622	To; 1. convert existing holding area of shed to cubicle accommodation and to reconstruct and extend shed to accommodate cubicles, slatted tank and feed passage. 2. To construct a livestock underpass to include effluent tank and all	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	28/09/2021

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		associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: Extension = 353.33 sqm. conversion = 179.19 sqm				
Galway County Council	23139	To construct a slatted/cubicle shed to include concrete apron and all associated site works	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	05/07/2023
Galway County Council	212473	To construct a new dwelling house with wastewater treatment plant, percolation area, domestic garage and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 295.49 sqm.	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	19/04/2022
Galway County Council	191720	For extension and alterations to dwelling house and to replace existing septic tank with a new wastewater treatment system and all associated works and ancillary services. Gross floor space of proposed works: Ext. to House 73.0 sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	02/01/2020
Galway County Council	212468	The development will consist of the construction of a dwelling house, domestic garage, wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 284.6 sqm & 60 sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	29/08/2022
Galway County Council	211448	To construct a dwelling house, domestic garage/fuel store, septic tank, treatment system and percolation area and all ancillary site works. Gross floor space of proposed works is 175 sqm.	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	29/09/2021
Galway County Council	2260048	For the construction of a two-storey dwelling house, domestic garage, wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 205 sqm (dwelling house) and 40 sqm.	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	29/03/2022
Galway County Council	212526	The construction of a dwelling house. domestic garage, wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works House 200 sqm and garage 200 sqm.	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	24/02/2022

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Galway County Council	2260190	Construction of a dwelling house, domestic garage, wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 197 sqm (house) & 40 sqm (garage)	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	03/05/2022
Galway County Council	21467	Construction of a single storey extension (74sq.m) to existing dwelling house and associated works.	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	18/05/2021
Galway County Council	201764	For development consisting of the construction of a two-storey dwelling house (c.217 sqm), domestic garage (c. 32 sqm) wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 249 sqm (217 sqm H, 32 sqm G)	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	22/01/2021
Galway County Council	20172	For a dwelling house, septic tank and percolation area. Gross floor space of proposed works: 290.10 sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	03/04/2020
Galway County Council	2261297	For the construction of a new agricultural shed for loose cattle housing and associated works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 320 sqm (shed)	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	24/03/2023
Galway County Council	20643	The development will consist of the construction of a single storey dwelling house, (c 230sqm) domestic garage (c 60sqm), wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works, 290sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	15/07/2020
Galway County Council	2172	To erect a single storey self-contained unit to side of existing dwelling (approved under Planning Reference 01/1746), minor internal changes to ground floor layout of dwelling and amendments to existing services. Gross floor space of proposed works: 49.97 sqm	Residential	Application finalised	Conditional	22/03/2021

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Galway County Council	191696	Development and permission for development. The development will consist of (i) retention of existing shed with slatted tank (gross floor area 129 sq.m.), (ii) construction of extension to existing slatted shed to incorporate loose sheep house, calving pens, creep area, crush race and passageway (gross floor area of new works 350 sq.m.) and associated works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 350 sqm. Gross floor space of work to be retained: 129 sqm	Agricultural	Application finalised	Conditional	02/03/2020
Galway County Council	2560096	For a ten-year planning permission for an electrical transformer compound comprising (i) a hardcore surfaced compound with a footprint of approximately 1300m2 enclosed by a 2.6m high palisade security fence and security gates, (ii) a control room with a gross floor area of approximately 140m2, (iii) a 110kV electricity transformer, with associated equipment including cable sealing end, surge arrestor, earth disconnect, current/voltage transformer, house transformer, circuit breaker and lightning mast, (iv) a diesel generator for emergency lighting, (v) the upgrade of an existing access point from the L6141 and the construction of approximately 130m of access track, (vi) underground electrical and communications cabling, (vii) underground electrical cable connecting the transformer compound to the electrical cable permitted as part of the Tuam Energy Park (Galway County Council Planning Register Reference 20/1387) and (viii) all associated and ancillary site development, landscaping and reinstatement works. A Natura Impact Statement will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application	Energy/Telecoms	Permitted	Granted (Conditional)	06/05/2025
Galway County Council	2560512	For the construction of a dwelling house, garage, treatment system, percolation area and all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 189 sqm(H), 60.00 sqm(G)	Residential	New Application	N/A	N/A
Galway County Council	25148	To construct a dwelling house, sewage treatment system and garage, together with all associated site works. Gross floor space of proposed works: 108 sqm(H), 60.00 sqm(G)	Residential	New Application	N/A	N/A

1.2.2 Other Wind Farms within 25km of the Proposed Wind Farm

Table 1-3 Other Wind Farms within 25km of the Proposed Project

Planning Authority	Wind Farm Name	Decision	Status	No. of turbines	Distance from the Proposed Project
An Coimisiún Pleanála Ref: 307058-20	Clonberne	Proposed	Live Case	11	4.3km north of the Proposed Wind Farm 8.1km north of the Proposed Grid Connection
Galway County Council Ref: 082407	Cloonlusk	Granted by GCC	Existing	2	770m north of the Proposed Grid Connection 6.4km west of the Proposed Wind Farm
Galway County Council Ref: Ref: 131139	Clooncon East	Granted by GCC	Existing	1	15.5km northeast of the Proposed Wind Farm 19.9km northeast of the Proposed Grid Connection
An Coimisiún Pleanála Ref: 319307	Laurclavagh	Proposed	Live Case	8	9.7km from the Proposed Wind Farm Laurclavagh Wind Farm GCR adjoinis the end of the Proposed Grid Connection
Galway County Council Ref: 22/1175	Cloonascragh	Granted by GCC	Existing	1	500m east of the Proposed Grid Connection 8.9km west of the Proposed Wind Farm
Pre-application	Gannow	Proposed	Pre-application	8	15.3km southeast of the Proposed Grid Connection 17.3km from the Proposed Wind Farm
Galway County	Park Athenry	Grantedby GCC	Existing	1	14.7km south of the Proposed Grid Connection

Planning Authority	Wind Farm Name	Decision	Status	No. of turbines	Distance from the Proposed Project
Council Ref: 2374					18.2km from the Proposed Wind Farm
An Coimisiún Pleanála	Shancloon	Proposed	Live Case	11	10.2km from the Proposed Grid Connection 21.3km from the Proposed Wind Farm

1.2.3 Other EIA Projects within 25km of the Proposed Project

Table 1-4 Other EIA Projects within 25km of the Proposed Project

Portal Ref	Competent Authority	Application Ref	Applicant name	Location	Description	Date of application
2022016	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-312875-22	Galway County Council	Abbeyknockmoy, Co Galway	N63 Liss to Abbey Realignment Scheme, comprising construction of 2.3km of National Secondary Road including the provision of a bridge over the River Abbert, and incorporating pedestrian and cycle provisions along the existing N63	17/2/2022
2022149	Galway County Council	N/A	McTigue Quarries Ltd	Cloonascragh Sand and Gravel Pit, Tuam, County Galway. ITM Co-ordinates: E:544266 N:748244	Quarrying operations including the extraction of sand and gravel over an area of 6.5ha; the recovery of inert waste from construction and demolition activity via inert waste recycling and recovery of natural materials for use in restoration of site.	10/8/2022
2024114	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-320087-24	Clonberne Windfarm Limited	The townlands of Cloonarkan, Clonbern and Laughil, Co. Galway	A 220kV electrical substation, all associated electrical plant and apparatus and all ancillary works, underground electrical cabling (220kV), site entrances, joint bays, cable access track, site drainage, tree felling, All ancillary works and apparatus.	25/6/2024
N/A	Galway County Council	N/A	Newtown Farming Ltd.	Lomaunaghbaun, Tuam, Co. Galway	The development of a quarry for the extraction of sand in a phased basis over an area of c. 6.2 ha by an average depth of 3m from	8/12/2023

Portal Ref	Competent Authority	Application Ref	Applicant name	Location	Description	Date of application
					existing ground levels in the townland of Lomaunaghbaun, Co. Galway.	
2022039	Galway City Council	N/A	Diarmuid Murphy	Pollaturk Belclare Tuam Co. Galway	Permission to construct serviced dwelling house and domestic garage. This application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement.	23/3/2022
2021107	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-310435-21	McTigue Quarries Ltd	Cartron Quarry, Belclare, Tuam, County Galway.	Application to An Bord Pleanála for Substitute Consent for the unauthorised continuation of quarrying operations and the unauthorised continued use and/or operation of buildings, structures, plant and machinery at Cartron Quarry, Tuam, Co. Galway.	27/5/2021
2025096	Galway County Council	N/A	Mortimer Quarries Ltd.	Cartron, Belclare, Co. Galway	Proposed continued use of the existing quarry (granted under Planning Ref. File No.: 06/2275 and ABP Ref.: PL07.222783) etc.	4/6/2025
2024045	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-319307-24	Laurclavagh Ltd	The site is located in the townlands of Laurclavagh, Cahermorris, Cluidrevagh, Kilcurriv Eighter, Bunnahevelly More, Pollacossaun Eighter, Pollacossaun Oughter, Kilcurrivard, and Ballynacreg North, Co. Galway.	8 no. wind turbines (185 meters in height), underground electrical cabling (33kv), met mast, upgrades to existing tracks/roads and provision of new roads, drainage, biodiversity enhancement, spoil management, and associated works.	13/3/2024
2024175	Galway County Council	N/A	Harrington Concrete and Quarries	Ardgaineen, Claregalway, Co. Galway	Proposed lateral extension of an existing limestone quarry.	29/10/2024
2023093	Galway County Council	N/A	Eimear & Adam Cannon	Cloonkeely Headford Co. Galway	Permission to construct serviced dwelling house and domestic garage. This application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement.	30/5/2023
2022221	Galway County Council	N/A	Claire Downes, Michael Casey	Cregboy Claregalway Co. Galway	Permission to construct a serviced dwelling house and domestic garage	16/11/2022

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2025028	Galway County Council	N/A	Coshla Quarries Ltd.	Barrettspark, Athenry, Co. Galway	Proposed continued use and lateral extension of an existing limestone quarry and continued use of an existing concrete manufacturing facility etc.	27/2/2025
2023152	Galway County Council	2361035	Dexcom International Limited	In the townlands of Newford, Ballygarraun South and Prospect, Athenry, Co. Galway	Construction of a 4-no. storey medical device manufacturing facility providing warehousing, production areas, administration offices and restaurant (GIA: 40,226.6 m2)	30/8/2023
2023111	Galway County Council	N/A	Patrick Walsh	Carrowoneash Oranmore Co. Galway H91KX92	Development at existing waste metal facility at Carrowmoneash, Oranmore, Co. Galway to provide for site, operations and infrastructure improvements, to facilitate continuation of existing waste metal processing with an annual throughput of 60,000 tonnes pa	23/6/2023
HD134	An Coimisiún Pleanála	301195	Walsh Waste Limited	Deerpark, Oranmore, Co. Galway	Alterations/Additions to existing materials Recovery Facility. Introduction of liquid waste treatment onto site. Four liquid waste, bunded storage tanks and on-site liquid waste treatment plant	26/8/2020
2021256	Environmental Protection Agency	N/A	Chemoran Ltd.	Deerpark Industrial Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway. H91 D934	Deerpark Industrial Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway. H91 D934	30/11/2021
2024147	Galway City Council	2460279	Galway Race Committee Trust	Galway Racecourse Ballybrit Co. Galway	The construction and demolition of temporary stables and the construction of permanent stables, pavilion, machinery and maintenance sheds, pre-parade ring as well as ancillary site works. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and an NIS	28/8/2024
2022166	An Coimisiún Pleanála	N/A	Galway City Council	Galway City	The Proposed Scheme provides infrastructure improvements and transport management measures for active travel (both walking and cycling), and the provision of enhanced bus priority measures.	1/9/2022
2025045	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-322166	Galway City Council in partnership with the Land	Dyke Road, Terryland, Galway	The proposed development will consist of the construction of a new residential development of 219 no. apartment units and a childcare facility in the form of 1 no. new residential block with car parking, public open spaces, and all ancillary works.	26/3/2025

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			Development Agency			
2025006	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-321776-25	Galway City Council	R338 Dublin Road Galway City	The BusConnects Galway: Dublin Road Development which has an overall combined length of approximately 3.9km and is routed along the existing Dublin Road within the County of Galway and within the Galway City Council administrative area.	15/1/2025
2021128	An Coimisiún Pleanála	ABP-310797-21	Alber Developments Ltd	Lands at Rosshill, Galway City, Co. Galway in the townlands of Merlin Park and Roscam.	102 no. residential units, creche facility, retail/commercial unit, provision of shared open space and all associated works and services.	25/6/2021