



An
Bord
Pleanála

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)

2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Neoen Renewables Ireland Ltd.
Address:	Ferry House, 1st Floor (Rear) 48-53 Lower Mount Street D02 PT98, Dublin 2
Telephone No:	0861024329
Email Address (if any):	Grace.curran@neoen.com

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Louis de Sambucy Christophe Desplats Redier Sebastien Francois
Registered Address (of company)	Ferry House, 1st Floor (Rear) 48-53 Lower Mount Street D02 PT98, Dublin 2
Company Registration No.	657913
Telephone No.	0861024329
Email Address (if any)	Neoen.ireland@neoen.com

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

Name:	Ronan Dunne
Address:	MKO Tuam Road Galway H91VW84
Telephone No.	(091) 735 611
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	rdunne@mkoireland.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: [☒] No: [☐]

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

Ronan Dunne of MKO, Tel – 091-735611

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	1. Joseph O’Brien 2. Michael Gill 3. Chris Engleman
Firm / Company:	1. MKO 2. Hydro Environmental Services 3. Gavin Doherty Geosolutions
Address:	1. MKO, Tuam Road, Galway H91 VW84 2. 22 Lower Main Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. 3. Unit A2, Nutgrove Office Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14
Telephone No:	1. 091735611 2. 05844122 3. 012071000
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	1. info@mkofireland.ie 2. michael@hydroenvironmental.ie 3. info@gdgeo.com
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 Addendum 1 for full details of all accompanying plans/drawings. 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of drawings have been provided.	

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The site is located in the townlands of Cloondahamper (Blake), Cloonascragh, Elmhill, Cooloo, Lecarrow, Dangan Eighter, Lissavally and Slievegorm, Co. Galway.	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	OS1424, OS1624 ITM X 555689 ITM Y 748834	
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		299.2ha
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Wind energy designations in the Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy: Open to consideration (6 turbines) Generally to be discouraged (3 turbines)	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing –Agriculture, Peat bog, Forestry Proposed – Commercial Wind Farm.	
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 ✓	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The Applicant has obtained the consent from the landowners – please refer to information below. Letters of consent are enclosed with this application – please refer to Addendum 2.		
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.		
Landowner	Address	
Aidan Carthy	Gortnaganny Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway	
Thomas Joseph Whyte	Cloonascragh Lavally Tuam County Galway	
Patrick Smyth	Cloonascragh Lavally Tuam County Galway	
Peter Joseph and Maureen Meehan	Cooloo Briarfield Ballinasloe County Galway	
Deirde Dunne	Cooloo Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway	
John Donoghue	Cooloo Moylough County Galway	
Kathleen Monaghan	Cooloo Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway	
Michael and Ann Connor	Racecourse Road Ballybrit County Galway	
John Curran	Fortyacres Barnaderg Tuam County Galway	
Joseph Dempsey	Mullaghmore West Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway	
Michael and Myra Fahy	Lecarrow Moylough County Galway	
Kieran Lyons	Cooloo Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway	
Vincent Ryan	Briarfield Ballinasloe County Galway	
Padraic and Bernadette Tully	Cooloo Briarfield Ballinasloe County Galway	
Annette Canney	Barnaderg Tuam County Galway	
Michael Joseph Boyle	Tigreenaun Barnaderg Tuam County Galway	
Carmel Costello	Parkmore Cumber Tuam County Galway	
Thomas Donoghue	Elmhill Briarfield Ballinasloe County Galway	
Peter Joseph and Maureen Meehan	Cooloo Brierfield Ballinasloe County Galway	
Paul Kirwan	Horseleap Tuam County Galway	
Ivan Roche	Dangan Oughter Barnaderg Tuam County Galway	
Bridget Geraghty	Cloonascragh Lavally Tuam County Galway	
James Silke	Cloonkell Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway	
Pat O'Connor	Peak Barnaderg Tuam County Galway	
Thomas J and Andrina Smyth	Cloonascragh Lavally Tuam Co. Galway	
Padraig OGrady	Cooloo Moylough County Galway	
Niall Dermody	Lecarrow Moylough County Galway	
Padraig O'Grady	Cooloo Moylough County Galway	

Mary Teresa Concannon	Cloonascragh Lavally Tuam County Galway
Michael Ruddy	c/o Gleeson & Kean Solicitors High Street Tuam County Galway
Martina Gilligan	Dangan Tuam County Galway
Michael and Ann Connor	Racecourse Road Ballybrit Galway
John Francis Dolan	Castlevew Barnaderg Tuam County Galway
Conleth and Carmel Dermody	Leacarrow Brierfield Ballinasloe County Galway
Niall Dermody	Lecarrow Brierfield Ballinasloe County Galway
Patricia Mullins	Cooloo Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway
Alan Kirwan	Horseleap Tuam County Galway
John Byrne	Cooloo Brierfield Ballinasloe County Galway
Gerard (Orse Gerry) Finn	Brierfield North Ballinasloe Co Galway
Gabriel Donoghue	Cooloo Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway
K.A Mountain Farms Limited	Cooloo Moylough Ballinasloe County Galway
Serena and Sophie Hare	Upper Dublin Road Tuam County Galway
Michael Fahy	Cooloo Brierfield Ballinasloe County Galway
Galway County Council	Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, County Galway
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 MKO drawing 190723 – 02 with landowner boundaries shown in blue.	

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: Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying? Yes: ☐ No: ☒ If yes, please give details:
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Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: [✓] No: []		
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
23119	for the development consisting of an 80 metre high temporary meteorological mast and all associated works for a period of 5 years	Granted – Conditional - 26/06/2023
071064	for the construction of a 5 bay single horse stables (gross floor space 293sqm)	Granted - Conditional - 11/06/2007
061802	to construct a fully serviced private dwellinghouse with waste water treatment system and garage/fuel store (Gross floor area House 219.37 sqm Garage 59.5 sqm)	Granted (Conditional) - 14/08/2006
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:[✓]		
If yes please specify		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: N/A_____		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	(i) 9 no. wind turbines with the following parameters: • Total turbine tip height of 180 metres; • A rotor blade diameter of 150 to 162 metres; • A hub height of 99 to 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 Eigher; (viii) 1 no. new access and egress point on to an existing access track in the townland of Dangan Eigher; (ix) 2 no. new access and egress points off the L6301 Local Road in the townland of Cooloo and Lecarrow; (x) Upgrade of existing site tracks/roads and provision of new site access roads, clear span crossings, 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 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.
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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 m ²
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	Temporary site office/ facilities: 30 sq. m x 8 = 240 sq. m
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)	Derelict house for demolition: 81 sq. m

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>		✓
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)
Agriculture, Forestry
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Wind Farm
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The development of a 9 no. turbine wind farm renewable and associated works, as described in Q.9 of this form.

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?		✓ See NIS	
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): ☒ Please refer to Chapter 4 of the EIAR.
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 of the Proposed Development does not necessitate a potable source.
_____ Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): _____
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: ☐ New: ☐
Public Sewer: ☐ Conventional septic tank system: ☐
Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify: Please refer to chapter 4 of the EIAR.
It is not proposed to treat wastewater on site. Wastewater from the staff welfare facilities will be managed by means of a sealed storage tank, with all wastewater being tankered off site by a permitted waste collector to a licenced waste facility.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
Public Sewer / Drain: ☐ Soakpit: ☐
Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☒ Please specify: A controlled drainage system will be used. Refer to Chapter 4 of the EIAR for more detail.

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [☒] No:[☐] National Paper: Irish Examiner, published 26 th September 2025 Local Paper: Connacht Tribune, published on 26 th September 2025
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [☒] No:[☐] Site notices have been erected on site on the 26/09/2025 Site notice locations are shown on MKO Drawing ref: 190723 - 02
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
Project website: www.cooloowfplanning.com

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: Refer to Addendum 3 of this planning application form Yes: [☒] No:[☐] Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Enclosed: Refer to Addendum 4 of this planning application form Yes: [☒] No:[☐]

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.

A copy of the notice is attached, and the EIA Portal (ID number: 2025179) confirmation is attached in the Addendum 5 of this form.

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 (paid by EFT – see cover letter appendix for receipt)
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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)	 Ronan Dunne, MKO (Agent), Tuam Road, Galway
Date:	26/09/2025

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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