



An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Our ref: 190723
Your ref:

Date: 29th September 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 Ltd, (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.

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála (the Commission) as ‘Strategic Infrastructure Development’ (SID) under provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (“the Act”). The SID status of the Proposed Development was confirmed by the Commission by letter dated 19th September 2025 following pre-application consultations with the Commission (ACP- reference no. 316466-25). A copy of the SID Determination letter is enclosed with the Planning Application Form.

Proposed Development

The proposed development (as described in the public notices) will constitute 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 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 Eighter;
- viii. 1 no. new access and egress point on to an existing access track in the townland of Dangan Eighter;
- ix. 2 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, 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.

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.

EIA Portal

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 the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal. Confirmation of this is enclosed with the Planning Application Form.

Planning Application Contents

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
 - Cover Letter
 - Planning Application Form and Addendums
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Notices
 - Planning Report
 - Planning Report Appendix 1
 - Planning Report Appendix 2
 - Confirmation of Payment of SID Planning Application Fee €100,000 (via EFT)
- Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with Application Form)
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
 - Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet
 - Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

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An EIAR has been prepared and is included with this application. The EIAR is structured as follows:

- Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
- Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet
- Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices

2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of the planning application pack as outlined above are enclosed. Galway County Council have received 1 no. hard copy and 1 no. electronic copy of the application pack, as agreed with them by phone call on 24th September 2025. The application will be available for inspection at their main office at 9a.m. - 4p.m. Monday to Friday. Copies of the application have also been provided to the relevant prescribed bodies as required.

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

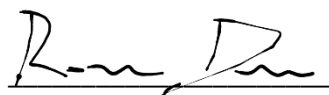
All planning drawings are provided at scales which have previously been agreed with An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Payment of the required fee of €100,000 has been paid to An Coimisiún Pleanála with the following details:

- Senders Name – Neoen Renewables Ireland Limited
- Senders Reference – ‘An Coimisiún Pleanála’
- Payment Reference – COOLOOWINDFARMSID - 16092025

I trust that the Commission now have all the information required to progress the application. If, however, there is anything further or you have any query on any matter in relation to this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Ronan Dunne
Project Planner
MKO

Enclosed

Appendix 1: Confirmation of Payment to An Coimisiún Pleanála

Appendix 2: Agreement of scales with ACP



COVER LETTER APPENDIX 1

**CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT
TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA**



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COVER LETTER APPENDIX 2

***Agreement of drawing
scales***

Ronan Dunne

From: Sinead White <sinead.white@pleanala.ie>
Sent: 26 September 2025 11:46
To: Ronan Dunne
Subject: Fw: Upcoming S37E application - Agreement of drawing scales

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From: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Sent: 26 September 2025 9:32 AM
To: Hannah Rice <hrice@mkoireland.onmicrosoft.com>
Subject: RE: Upcoming S37E application - Agreement of drawing scales

Hi Hannah,

Further to your query regarding the subject matter, we can advise the following.

Given the nature of the subject proposals, covering an expansive area, we are satisfied that it would be impractical for the prospective applicant in these circumstances to provide all drawings at the scales normally required (i.e. for a standard planning application), and that it is reasonable for the drawing scales to be agreed in advance of lodging an application to An Coimisiun Pleanála. The scales proposed for your drawings, as detailed in your email correspondence below, would appear reasonable in these circumstances. The stated approach in providing drawings illustrating detailed elements of the proposals at a metric scale of 1:500 would appear reasonable. This should also apply with respect to locations of any joint bays, watercourse crossings and major junctions, as well as other specific features of the proposed development.

The onus is on the prospective applicant to ensure that all of their application drawings are prepared at scales sufficient to allow An Coimisiun Pleanála and other parties to the application to understand and assess the siting, layout and other substantive elements of the subject development.

Kind Regards,
Sinead White

From: Hannah Rice <hrice@mkoireland.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Tuesday 23 September 2025 16:35
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Upcoming S37E application - Agreement of drawing scales

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An Coimisiún Pleanála,

We are preparing to lodge a planning application for Cooloo Wind Farm to An Coimisiún Pleanála this week (ACP pre-app ref. 316466). In advance of lodging this application, we would like to present An Coimisiún

Pleanála with the draft proposed schedule of drawings which will accompany the planning application. We would like to confirm that An Coimisiún Pleanála finds the scales of the drawings acceptable.

Please see attached the draft schedule of drawings which we plan to submit with the application along with an example of a layout at the proposed scale. These scales proposed are typical for projects of this nature and size and reflect similar applications previously assessed by An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Can you please confirm that ACP find the scales to be acceptable and revert with any comments or queries you may have?

Kind regards,
Hannah

Hannah Rice
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