

Mayo County Council: EirGrid PLC, with the consent and approval of the Electricity Supply Board (ESB), intends to apply for permission for works to uprate the existing Cashla - Dalton 110 kV overhead line (OHL). Within County Mayo, the proposed development will take place within the following townlands:

Dalgan Demesne	Pollbaun	Carrowbeg West
Gorteens	Seefin Brookhill	
Carrowmore	Ballyhankeen	Rushbrook East
Ballycusheen	Scardaun West	Millbrook
Milford Demesne	Curraghadooey	Lisduff
Rathgranagher (Miller)	Drummin West	Carrowbeg East
Rathgranagher (Lindsay)	Crossboyne	Kilbeg-Malone
Davros	Derry	Clare
Greaghans	Coolroe	
Roos	Leedaun	

The Cashla - Dalton 110 kV OHL circuit runs through County Galway and County Mayo. It is 57.7 km in length and travels from Cashla 110 kV substation in Barrettspark in central County Galway and traverses northwest to the Dalton 110 kV substation (County Mayo). The OHL has a total of 271 no. supporting structures.

Within the functional area of Mayo County Council, there is 24.7 km of the existing OHL circuit, with 111 no. structures. Within the functional area of Galway County Council there is 33.0 km, with 160 no. structures. Separate planning applications will be lodged with Galway County Council.

- The proposed development within Co. Mayo will comprise:
- the replacement (“restringing”) of the existing OHL circuit conductor wires with a new higher capacity conductor between structure no. 160 and Dalton 110 kV substation;
 - the replacement of angle masts in-situ at 6 no. locations, with similar structures;
 - the strengthening of tower foundations at 2 no. locations;
 - the strengthening of towers (i.e., member replacement) at 6 no. locations;
 - the painting of towers at 7 no. locations;
 - shear block remedial works of a tower at 1 no. location;
 - the replacement of polesets at 83 no. locations, with similar structures. The change in structures will result in standardised heights from 16 m to 23 m along the circuit. The majority of the height increases will be between 0.1 m and 2.0 m (at 70 no. structures), with 12 no. structure replacements resulting in no change in height. Structure no. 263 will increase in height by 7.0m;
 - the replacement of insulating and ancillary hardware at all structures from structure no. 161 to 271;
 - the replacement of earthwire between structure no. 261 and structure no. 271;
 - the replacement of stay wire / anchors and associated fittings at 7 no. locations;
 - the replacement of crossarms at 77 no. locations;
 - the installation of fibre wrap on phase conductor between structure no. 160 and structure no. 271;
 - the removal of the PLC and installation of new droppers at Dalton 110 kV substation;
 - all associated temporary site development works to gain access to the existing structures including the removal and reinstatement of 220m of hedgerow / field boundary (estimated using Táilte Éireann data), vegetation clearance and management, disassembly and reassembly of gate posts / piers and removal and reinstatement of existing fencing; and
 - other temporary associated and ancillary site development works required for the purpose of the uprate of the existing circuit, including construction compounds, silt traps, silt fences, vegetation clearance and management, stone tracks, ground protection mats and infrastructure crossing support systems (i.e., guard poles). Where required, an aerial catenary stringing system will be used to facilitate stringing operations over major obstacles, e.g., national roads, rivers, etc.

A Natura Impact Statement will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application. The planning application and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee of €20.00 within the period of five (5) weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the planning application, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development in County Mayo

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Constant Energy Limited, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction and operation of a wind farm and related works in the townlands of Ballymurphy, Ballynaleck, Barnhill Lower, Barnhill Upper, Barroe, Billoos, Carn, Carrickanass, Carrowmore, Castlerealcan Demesne, Castletown, Conaghra, Glebe, Lackanhill, Lecarrowntemple, Lissadrone East and Lissadrone West, Co. Mayo. The Grid Connection Route will commence in the townlands of Barroe and will continue onto the townlands of Carrad More, Tawnaghmore Upper, Rathbaun, Carrickanass, Cloonavarry, Doonamona, Rathcash, Castlereagh, Rathowen West, Rathowen East, Magherabrack, Cloonawillin, Killala, Mullafarry, Lisglennon, Tawnaghmore Lower, Ballinteean and Carrowreagh Co Mayo.

The development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413). The planning application is subject to section 37JA of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. When a notice issues in accordance with section 37JA(b), the provisions of article 216A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2025 shall apply.

- The proposed development will consist of the following:
- Erection of 16 wind turbines; The candidate wind turbines have a rotor diameter of 117m, a hub height of 76.5m and a tip height of 135m. No flexibility in terms of turbines dimensions is sought as part of the application for Planning Permission.
 - Installation of battery arrays located within container units and associated electrical plant for grid stabilisation adjacent to the Onsite Substation building with surrounding palisade fence 2.6m in height.
 - Construction of permanent turbine hardstands and turbine foundations.
 - Change of use of a vacant residential dwelling to a permanent operations compound consisting of an operations office, storage area and staff parking, upgrade existing site utilities and replace existing septic tank with a wastewater treatment system.
 - Construction of two temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing.
 - Installation of one (35-year life cycle) meteorological mast with a height of 80m and a 4m lightning pole on top.
 - Development of on-site spoil deposition areas.
 - Development of an internal site drainage network and sediment control systems.
 - Construction of 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 1 no. control building with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing and gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, and all ancillary structures and works.
 - All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substation and battery arrays.
 - Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction of the development.
 - All works associated with the permanent connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid comprising a 110 kV underground cable in permanent cable ducts from the proposed permanent on-site substation, commencing in the townland of Barroe and continuing onto the townlands of Carn, Rathbaun, Doonamona, Castlereagh, Rathcash, Rathowen East, Rathowen West, Killala, Magherabrack, Farragh, Cloonawillin, Mullafarry, Lisglennon and Tawnaghmore Upper to the existing Tawnaghmore 110 kV Substation in the townland of Tawnaghmore Upper.
 - All associated site development works including berms, landscaping, and soil excavation.
 - Construction of new permanent internal site access tracks and all associated drainage infrastructure.
 - Improvement of nine existing entrances off local roads, four off the local road L-5187-47-0, two off the L-5179-0, and three off the L-21147-0, all to include localised widening of the road and creation of a splayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries.
 - Construction of six new site entrances off local roads, one off the L-31143-0, one off the L-51791-23, one off the L-51791, two off the L-31142-0, and one off the L-5179-22, all to include localised widening of the road and creation of a splayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries.
 - Upgrade works on the turbine delivery route to include the following:
 - Localised widening along the L-5187-47, L-31142-0, L5187-22-0, L-5187-47, L21147-0, L-31142-0 and roads to a width of 4.5m and the widening of junctions at the crossroads R314 and L-51731 crossroads in the townland of Billoos.

This application is seeking a ten-year permission and a 35-year operational period from the date of overall commissioning of the entire wind farm.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during **public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 7th October 2025 at the following locations:**

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- The Offices of Mayo County Council, Aras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, County Mayo F23WF90.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.tirawleywindfarm.com

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Commission”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Commission’s website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, 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 5.30 p.m. on 25th November 2025**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) 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; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations 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. (For further details please see ‘A Guide to Public participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ on the Commission’s website 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 it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

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 under the heading “Information on cases/Weekly lists” - Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Commission’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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

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