

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Record of Meeting ACP-323811-25

Case Reference / Description	Proposed Wind Farm Repowering of the existing Dunneill and Kingsmountain Wind Farms. Located in the townlands of Ballyglass, Crowagh, or Dunneill Mountain, Tawnadremira, Ballygreighan Barr, Dunowla and Kingsmountain, County Sligo		
Case Type	Design Flexibility Opinion Consultation		
Date	2 December 2025	Start Time	4:15pm
Location	MS Teams	End Time	4:35pm

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála
Una Crosse (Assistant Planning Director) Chair
Heidi Thorsdalen (Senior Planning Inspector)
Ellen Moss (Executive Officer)

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Alan Clancy, MKO
Ellen Costello, MKO
Brandon Taylor, MKO
Caroline Donnelly, SSE Renewables

Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 17th October 2025, requesting design flexibility consultations under section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The Commission outlined that the purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the prospective applicants to present their request for design flexibility and to aid the Commission in its understanding of the request and its determination as to whether it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed certain details of the application.

The Commission's representatives mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the consultation process:

- The Commission will keep a record of this meeting. The record will not be available for public inspection until an application for permission is made to the Commission. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Commission once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- Any recording of this meeting is strictly prohibited. The record which will issue after the meeting is the only record of the meeting.
- The Commission may at any time conclude the consultation where it considers appropriate to do so. Following the conclusion of the consultation the Commission will issue an opinion regarding the design options as set out under section 182G of the Act. Any opinion issued will not be available for public inspection until an application for permission is made to the Commission.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Commission in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in any legal proceedings.

Presentation made by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant began their presentation by briefly discussing the meeting agenda.

The prospective applicant provided information regarding details that will not be confirmed at the time of the application. The following parameters are sought:

- Turbine Tip Height: 176.9m – 180m
- Rotor Diameter: 133.2m – 150m
- Hub Height: 102.5m – 110m

The prospective applicant provided information in accordance with the requirements for design flexibility for the proposed development. The continuous advancement of technology creates uncertainty about what will be available at the time of construction. Including a range of parameters ensures that a turbine model can be selected through a competitive tender process.

The turbine range will be assessed in the accompanying EIAR of any future application. An overview of the turbine range assessment to be included in the EIAR was presented.

The prospective applicant concluded the presentation by presenting the proposed project timeline.

Discussion:

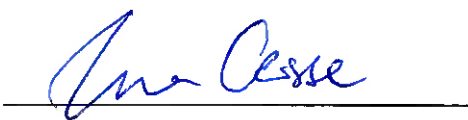
The Commission's representatives began the discussion by querying the dimensions of the proposed development. It was noted that in this presentation and the cover letter, the hub height is stated as 102.5. The Commission's representatives

requested a revision to the parameters requested and advised that an updated cover letter would be acceptable.

The Commission's representatives advised that all ranges should be assessed in the EIAR. Data should be clearly presented in a table.

The Commission's representatives concluded the discussion, reminding the prospective applicant that the design flexibility opinion remains confidential between the prospective applicant and the Commission until the planning application is submitted.

The Meeting concluded at 16:35.



Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning