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1) Request for meeting	
Request under section 37CC of the Act:	Request for Design Flexibility in relation to a proposed windfarm comprising 17 number turbines.
Request reference Number:	ACP-323811-25
Name of the requestor/ prospective applicant:	SSE Renewables (Ireland) Limited
Location, townland or postal address of the land or structure to which the application relates (as may be appropriate):	Crowagh or Dunneill Mountain, Ballyglass, Tawnadremira, Doonbeakin, Dunowla, Kingsmountain, Ballygreighan Barr, Co. Sligo.
Nature and extent of the proposed development:	17 number wind turbines with an electrical output of between 93.5 megawatts and 112.2 megawatts, removal of 23 number existing turbines, a 110 kilovolt substation and upgrade to and continued use of existing control buildings, 2 number permanent Lidar compounds, 33 kilovolt underground electrical and communication cabling, 4 number temporary construction compounds, 3 number borrow pits, peat and spoil management, new and upgraded site entrances and access roads, turbine delivery accommodation works, and all ancillary works.

Date of receipt of the request:	17 th day of October 2025
Opinion Reference Number:	ACP-323811-25
Date of Opinion:	13 th day of March 2026

2) Was the following Information included where relevant, with the Flexibility Meeting Request under section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Information	Enclosed with Request		
(a) A site location map sufficient to identify the land on which the proposed development would be situated.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(b) A brief description of the nature and purpose of the proposed development and of its possible effects on the environment.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(c) A draft layout plan of the proposed development.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(d) A description of the details, or groups of details, of the proposed development that, owing to the circumstances set out in (e) below, are unlikely to be confirmed at the time of the proposed application.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(e) A description of the circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided, before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in (d) above.	Yes: [X]	No: []	
(f) An undertaking to provide with the proposed application, either -	Yes: [X]	No: []	
i. two or more options, in respect of each detail or group of details referred to in (d) above			



containing information on the basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided, ii. parameters within which each detail referred to in paragraph (d) above will fall and on the basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided, or iii. a combination of (i) and (ii).			
(g) Such other information, drawings or representations as the prospective applicant may wish to provide or make available.	Yes: [X]	No: []	NA: []
(h) The appropriate fee.	Yes: []	No: []	NA:[X]

At a meeting held on 12th day of March 2026, the Commission considered the report of the Inspector, the documents submitted as part of the pre-application consultation under section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, on design flexibility.

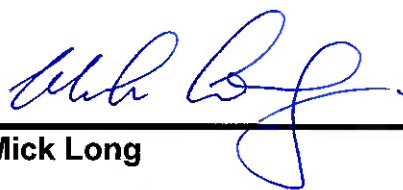
In this regard an opinion on design flexibility shall issue to the prospective applicant as set out below:

3) Opinion of the Commission under section 37CD of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.	
Information	Details/ Circumstances
a) The details, or groups of details, of the proposed development that may be confirmed after the proposed application has been made and decided.	1. Turbine Dimensions: a) Turbine Tip Height b) Rotor Diameter c) Hub height

b) The circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in paragraph (a) above.	i. Lengthy timescales associated with developing a wind farm project. ii. Continuously evolving wind turbine technology. iii. Uncertainty of make/model availability at construction. iv. Competitive tender process for turbine selection process.
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For each detail, or groups of details, referred to in paragraph 3(a) above, the proposed application shall, in addition to any other requirement imposed by or under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, be accompanied by the information referred to in the undertaking submitted with the flexibility meeting request under section, 37CC(2)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The proposed application must be consistent with the opinion provided in accordance with section 37CD of the Act.



Mick Long

**Member of An Coimisiún Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 23rd of March 2026