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#### 1 Introduction

RPS has been instructed by Buirios Limited (the Applicant) to prepare this **Planning Report** to support a strategic infrastructure development (SID) application to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) for the Proposed Grid Connection, which will facilitate the connection of the consented Borrisbeg Renewable Energy Development Wind Farm (as permitted under ACP Case Ref. 317089-23).

This application is submitted to ACP under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Planning Act).

The Proposed Grid Connection lies within the administrative area of Tipperary County Council (TCC) and crosses the townlands of Clonmore and Strogue, 3.8 km northeast of Templemore.

In summary, the proposal involves constructing a grid connection and associated electrical infrastructure necessary for connecting the wind energy project granted consent under ACP Case Ref. ABP-318704-23 to the national transmission system.

As detailed elsewhere in this report, the Proposed Grid Connection complies with the policies, objectives, and standards of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 (TCDP). It will assist in meeting Ireland's national renewable energy and climate change targets by enabling the export of clean, renewable electricity generated by the Consented Wind Farm.

The statutory notices and supporting documents submitted with the application provide a full description of the Proposed Grid Connection. The application is also accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

## 1.1 Project Background

On 14 December 2023, Buirios Limited submitted an application to ACP for a 10-year wind energy development, located at Borrisbeg and adjacent townlands, Planning Reference ABP: 318704 which comprises 9 No. wind turbines with a tip height of 185 metres with an estimated installed generating capacity of 63MW (herein referred to as the "Consented Wind Farm").).

This application was subsequently granted consent with conditions (order dated 12 September 2024).

The application was made under section 37E of the Planning Act, i.e., as SID. Within the application, it was noted that the Proposed Grid Connection would be subject to a separate application.

It is also noted that an EIAR and NIS accompanied the planning application for the Consented Wind Farm. This EIAR considered both the Consented Wind Farm and Proposed Grid Connection.

This application seeks permission from ACP for the development of the Proposed Grid Connection to enable connection to the national grid and the operation of the Consented Wind Farm. This application is also supported by an EIAR and NIS.

As discussed in detail in **Section 5** of this Report, the Applicant engaged with Tipperary County Council (TCC) and ACP during the preparation of this application prior to its submission.

Relevant references include:

#### ACP Case Reference 317089-23

Having considered the proposal, ACP determined that the Proposed Grid Connection falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning Act and that a planning application should be made directly to ACP. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application (see **Appendix C**).

#### 1.2 Project Need

Grid connection infrastructure is an essential component of any wind farm development, enabling the transmission of generated electricity to the national grid. The need for a dedicated grid connection is evident: it is required to link the Consented Wind Farm to the transmission system and thereby facilitate its operation.

Although this planning application relates solely to the Proposed Grid Connection, it is important to recognise that without this critical infrastructure, the Consented Wind Farm cannot function, nor can the clean, renewable electricity it generates be exported. The Proposed Grid Connection will allow the renewable energy produced by the wind farm to be transmitted into the national electricity grid, supporting Ireland's transition to sustainable energy.

The significance of the Proposed Grid Connection cannot be overstated. Ireland has experienced substantial population growth in recent years, with the Central Statistics Office (CSO, 2022) reporting Ireland's population at just over 5.1 million and projecting continued growth<sup>1</sup>, which in turn requires the supply of additional energy.

Furthermore, Ireland has set ambitious renewable energy targets, aiming for 80% of electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030 (Climate Action Plan 2025). As outlined in the Government's Climate Action Plan, wind energy will play a key role in achieving these targets. Therefore, the Proposed Grid Connection is a vital infrastructure element to support this national objective.

The Proposed Grid Connection will indirectly assist in reaching these targets through facilitating renewable energy transmission from the Consented Wind Farm to the national grid. The Consented Wind Farm is projected to achieve a net reduction of approx. 58,808 tonnes of carbon dioxide each year, totalling approximately 1,764,240 tonnes over its operational lifespan. Additionally, the Proposed Grid Connection will facilitate the Consented Wind Farm in the production of enough renewable electricity to power approximately 47,304 Irish households (Refer to Chapter 1: Introduction of the EIAR for details).

In summary, the need for the Proposed Grid Connection is clear and strongly supported by national renewable energy and climate change policies and targets. This development is necessary to enable the operation of the Consented Wind Farm by facilitating the export of renewable electricity to the national grid. The Proposed Grid Connection will allow the realisation of positive outcomes that the Consented Wind Farm can deliver, including climate change mitigation, contribution to national energy and emissions reduction targets, economic growth, job creation, and enhanced energy security.

## 1.3 Purpose and Structure of this Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the Proposed Grid Connection and the relevant planning policy context, confirming where appropriate how the proposal aligns with, and accords to, the principles of proper planning and sustainable development as set out in national, regional, and local planning policy.

To assist ACP's assessment and understanding of the Proposed Grid Connection, the report also presents a review of the relevant planning history and pre-planning consultations held in relation to the proposal.

The report is structured as follows:

- Section 1: Introduction
- Section 2: Subject Site: Location & Description

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Census of Population 2022 - CSO - Central Statistics Office

- Section 3: Planning History
- Section 4: Pre-Application Consultation
- Section 5: Planning Policy Context and Appraisal
- Section 6: Summary Development Description
- Section 7: Environmental Considerations
- Section 8: Conclusion

As noted previously, the planning application is supported by a suite of documentation, including drawings, an EIAR and NIS (see accompanying Schedule of Documentation). We invite ACP to consider this report alongside the full suite of application documentation to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the proposal.

## 2 Site Location & Description

The Site is located within the administrative area of TCC and traverses the townlands of Clonmore and Strogue, approximately 3.8 km northeast of Templemore town in County Tipperary. The landcover is rural in nature, characterised by agricultural land, small tracts of commercial forestry and one off residential dwellings. The L-7039 road runs along the eastern boundary of the substation field and the L-70391 runs along its southern boundary.

The Site covers an area of approximately 17.9 hectares and comprises three distinctive areas, all part of the overall red line:

- Agricultural fields to the north where the 110kV substation, associated electrical equipment, control buildings, and a temporary construction compound will be located. This area is adjacent to the Local Road L-7039 and L-70391.
- The underground cabling route, which will connect the proposed 110kV substation to the existing 110kV Ikerrin to Thurles overhead line (OHL). The underground cabling route will pass through the L-7039, L-7038, R433.
- Agricultural fields to the south through which the underground cabling route will travel before connecting to two end masts (lattice type towers), which will facilitate connection to the existing OHL via a loop in-loop out system.

For reference, please refer to Figure 2-1.



Figure 2-1: Site Context

## 3 Planning History

A planning history search of all planning applications within the red line boundary and adjacent lands was undertaken by RPS in August 2025 of both TCC and ACP's online search platforms. The findings of this review are presented below.

#### 3.1 Consented Wind Farm

As briefly noted in **Section 1.1** of this Report, the Applicant received planning permission from ACP on 12 September 2024 for a proposed wind farm development comprising 9 no. wind turbines and associated infrastructure, within County Tipperary.

The relevant ACP Case Reference is ABP-318704-23. **Figure 3-1** illustrates an extract of the drawings accompanying the permitted development, showing the extent of the Consented Wind Farm.

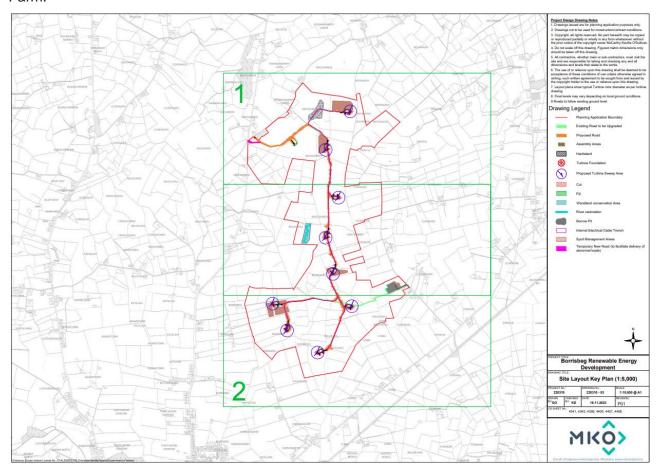


Figure 3-1: Consented Wind Farm Site Layout

Source: Drawing No. 220310–03 prepared by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants A summary of the main elements of the Consented Wind Farm is provided below:

- **Wind Turbines:** 9 no. turbines with an overall tip height of 185 metres, a hub height of 103.5 metres, and a rotor diameter of 163 metres. The turbines will be interconnected via underground 33kV electrical cabling and communications cabling.
- **Operational Life:** The wind farm is permitted for a 30-year operational period from the date of full commissioning, followed by subsequent decommissioning.
- **Temporary Construction Compound:** A compound of approximately 4,250 square metres will be located in the northern section of the site. It will include a bunded

refuelling and containment area for lubricants, oils, and generators; a full retention oil interceptor; waste storage; temporary site offices; staff facilities; and car parking for staff and visitors.

- **Security Cabin:** A temporary security cabin, measuring approximately 7.2m by 2.5m by 2.85m high, will be installed on a layby along the new proposed access road off the L3248.
- Meteorological Mast: A 30-metre free-standing lattice mast equipped with wind monitoring equipment will be constructed on a concrete foundation within a hardstanding area, which will also accommodate erection equipment.
- Access and Roads: To facilitate access, delivery, and construction, existing site
  access tracks will be upgraded, and new tracks will be constructed. A new temporary
  abnormal load entrance will be created on the L-3248, adjacent to the N62 northwest
  of the site, to enable delivery of turbine components. The main site entrance for
  general construction traffic and staff vehicles will be off the L-3248, approximately 70
  metres northeast of the N62. This entrance will be retained for operational use and
  permanent agricultural access.
- The L7039 and L70391 roads pass through the site. Approximately 1.1 km of the L70391 will be resurfaced as part of the wind farm development. New entrances will be created off the L70391 for operational access.
- **Junction Accommodation:** Appropriate junction improvements will be undertaken to accommodate construction and operational traffic.

#### **Construction Timeline**

Construction of the Consented Wind Farm has not yet begun. As the wind farm is reliant on the Proposed Grid Connection (subject of this application) to transport the energy from the wind turbines onto the national grid, construction will not commence without a consent for a suitable grid connection.

## 3.2 Adjacent Lands

Having reviewed TCC and ACP's online search platforms, RPS did not identify any relevant planning applications within 1km of the subject site within the last 10 years.

## 4 Pre-Application Consultation

The Applicant has engaged with both TCC and ACP during the preparation of this application and prior to its submission. A summary of the pre-application consultations is provided below.

#### 4.1 Consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála

In accordance with Section 182E of the Planning Act, the Applicant undertook pre-application consultations with ACP:

#### Consultation No. 1 (Case Ref. 317089-23)

- A pre-application meeting was held on 6 July 2023. Minutes of this meeting, as provided by ACP, are included in **Appendix A** of this Report.
- At the meeting, the Applicant had the opportunity to provide an overview of the Proposed Grid Connection. Moreover, the meeting facilitated detailed discussions and ensured that all regulatory and technical considerations relating to the integration of the wind farm with the national grid were thoroughly examined.

#### Consultation No. 2 (Case Ref. 317089-23)

- A second pre-application consultation meeting took place on 1 May 2025. Minutes of this meeting, as provided by ACP, are included in **Appendix B** of this Report. This meeting provided ACP with a comprehensive project update, reflecting the progress since the previous consultation.
- At this meeting, ACP advised that if the Applicant wishes to submit an EIAR with the
  application, it should be tailored to the specific aspects of the Proposed Grid
  Connection, with the already Consented Wind Farm development being assessed in
  the cumulative impacts.
- In this regard, an EIAR has been prepared and is enclosed with this application. The EIAR assesses the Proposed Grid Connection in conjunction with the Consented Wind Farm development, as assessed in the cumulative impacts chapter.

#### **SID Determination**

ACP issued a SID determination on 18 August 2025. Within this, ACP confirmed that the Proposed Grid Connection falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and that the planning application should be made directly to ACP. A copy of the SID determination is included as **Appendix C**.

## 4.2 Consultation with Tipperary County Council

In addition to the pre-application consultations with ACP, it is important to note that the Applicant also engaged with TCC as follows:

- Consultation No. 1: Pre-application meeting held on 10 May 2023
- Consultation No. 2: Pre-application meeting held on 13 July 2023

These consultations with TCC took place within the broader context of the wind farm development and the preparation of the associated application under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act. Notwithstanding this, during these meetings, the Applicant also presented details of the Proposed Grid Connection, emphasising that it would be subject to a separate planning application.

In connection with the above, an on-site meeting was held with representatives from TCC on 19 October 2023, during which the proposed location and design of the grid connection were discussed in further detail.

Finally, in anticipation of submitting the planning application to ACP for the Proposed Grid Connection, RPS, on behalf of the Applicant, emailed TCC on 11 July 2025 to provide an update and confirm the intention to submit the application. TCC responded by email on 21 July 2025 (see **Appendix D**), confirming that no further information or pre-application meetings are required in relation to the Proposed Grid Connection.

## 5 Planning Policy Context and Appraisal

This section provides a summary of the relevant national, regional, and local planning framework against which the Proposed Grid Connection will be assessed. It outlines how, where appropriate, the proposal aligns with and accords with the applicable national, regional, and local planning objectives and policies.

## **5.1** National Planning Context

#### 5.1.1 Ireland's National Energy and Climate Plan 2021-2030

**Ireland's National Energy and Climate Plan 2021–2030** (the NECP) sets out the country's policies and measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase renewable energy generation. The original NECP, prepared up to the end of 2019, aims to achieve a 30% reduction in non-Emissions Trading System (ETS) greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 2005 levels.

Key electricity infrastructure targets in the NECP include:

- A 50–55% reduction in CO2 equivalent emissions from the electricity sector relative to 2030 pre-National Development Plan projections.
- The early and complete phase-out of coal- and peat-fired electricity generation.
- Increasing electricity generated from renewable sources to 70%, including:
  - At least 3.5 GW of offshore renewable energy
  - Up to 1.5 GW of grid-scale solar energy
  - Up to 8.2 GW of onshore wind capacity
- Meeting 15% of electricity demand through renewable sources contracted under Corporate Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs).

A draft updated NECP was submitted to the European Commission in December 2023, with public consultations held in early and mid-2024. The draft update incorporates feedback from the European Commission and public consultations, revising targets to:

- Reduce emissions from non-ETS sectors by 30% relative to 2005
- Achieve a 34% share of renewable energy in overall consumption by 2030
- Increase renewable electricity generation to 80%, comprising:
  - At least 5 GW of offshore renewable energy
  - 8 GW of grid-scale solar energy
  - 9 GW of onshore wind capacity

The proposed grid connection will enable the operation of the Consented Wind Farm and thereby contribute to achieving the target of 9 GW of onshore wind capacity. Consequently, it is submitted that the Proposed Grid Connection, if permitted, will support the objectives of both the current NECP and the draft updated plan.

## 5.1.2 Project Ireland 2040: National Planning Framework, 2018 and National Development Plan 2021-2030

Project Ireland 2040 is the government's long-term overarching development strategy for the state. The *National Development Plan 2021-2030* (NDP) and the *National Planning Framework* (NPF) combine to form Project Ireland 2040. The NPF sets the vision and strategy for the development of

Ireland until 2040, and the NDP provides the enabling investment to implement that strategy. The *National Planning Framework First Revisions* (NPF First Revision) was approved by the Government on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and was subsequently approved by both Houses of the Oireachtas on 30th April 2025.

The NPF First Revision provides a framework to guide public and private investment "to create and promote opportunities for our people, and to protect and enhance our environment". Ten National Strategic Outcomes (NSOs) articulate the primary objectives of the NPF First Revision, while National Policy Objectives (NPOs) outline more precise ambitions and targets.

NSO 8 relates to the following: "Transition to a Carbon Neutral and Climate Resilient Society". National Policy Objective (NPO) 55 is also relevant to the Proposed Grid Connection, as noted below:

**NPO 70**: "Promote renewable energy use and generation at appropriate locations within the built and natural environment to meet national objectives towards achieving a low carbon economy by 2050".

**NPO 71**: "Support the development and upgrading of the national electricity grid infrastructure, including supporting the delivery of renewable electricity generating development."

In this regard, the Proposed Grid Connection will facilitate the operation of a renewable energy development and therefore contribute to Irelands transition to a low-carbon electricity future. In this regard, the Proposed Grid Connection is considered to be aligned and supported by the policies set out in the NPF and the NDP.

#### 5.1.3 Climate Action Plan 2025

The **Climate Action Plan 2025** (the CAP25) is the third statutory annual update to Ireland's Climate Action Plan, prepared under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. CAP25 implements carbon budgets and sectoral emissions ceilings, setting out a clear roadmap to reduce national emissions by 51% by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions no later than 2050.

A key objective of CAP25 is to increase renewable electricity generation to up to 80% of the national electricity mix by 2030. The plan also sets a national target to increase onshore wind energy capacity from 6 GW in 2025 to 9 GW by 2030.

The Proposed Grid Connection is critical to enabling the operation of the Consented Wind Farm, thus directly supporting these targets. By facilitating the export of renewable electricity generated by the Consented Wind Farm, the grid connection will contribute significantly to Ireland's renewable energy ambitions, emissions reduction goals, and broader climate commitments outlined in CAP25.

## 5.2 Regional Planning Context

#### 5.2.1 Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region

The **Southern Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy** (RSES) 2020 provides the strategic spatial and economic framework to guide sustainable development in the Southern Region through to 2031 and beyond. Prepared in alignment with NPF, the RSES sets out Regional Policy Objectives (RPOs) to ensure coherence between national, regional, and local planning policies. In this regard, as noted in **Section 6.1.2** of this Report, the First Revision NPF has been recently adopted, and it is expected that the RSES would be updated to align with it.

The RSES highlights the critical importance of transitioning to a low-carbon economy and supporting renewable energy infrastructure, including grid connections, to meet national and regional energy and climate targets.

Relevant RPOs supporting the proposed grid connection include:

- RPO 87: Low Carbon Energy Future: The RSES commits to implementing national policies under Ireland's Transition to a Low Carbon Energy Future (2015–2030) and the Climate Action Plan (2019). It promotes reduced greenhouse gas emissions, improved energy efficiency, and increased renewable energy use across electricity supply, heating, transport, and agriculture sectors.
- RPO 96: Integrating Renewable Energy Sources: This objective supports the sustainable development, maintenance, and upgrading of electricity and gas network infrastructure. It emphasises the importance of ensuring the energy system remains safe, secure, and capable of meeting increasing demand driven by regional economic growth
- RPO 99: Renewable Wind Energy: The RSES supports the sustainable development of onshore and offshore wind energy at appropriate locations, alongside the necessary grid infrastructure, in accordance with national Wind Energy Guidelines.
- **RPO 219: New Energy Infrastructure:** The strategy endorses the timely and sustainable reinforcement and provision of new energy infrastructure to meet the needs of population growth and economic expansion within designated growth areas and across the region.
- RPO 222: Electricity Infrastructure: It is an objective to support the development of a safe, secure, and reliable electricity supply and to facilitate enhanced electricity networks and new transmission infrastructure projects as outlined in EirGrid's Grid Development Strategy.

As noted in the RSES, the Southern Region is notably rich in renewable energy resources. It hosts significant energy generation infrastructure of national and regional importance, including hydroelectric stations and several thermal generation plants. The RSES recognises these assets as strategic national infrastructure essential for a secure and reliable electricity supply. It further highlights the necessity of continued investment in upgrading and expanding grid infrastructure to facilitate the transition to a low-carbon energy future.

The proposed grid connection will directly support the operation of the Consented Wind Farm by enabling the export of renewable electricity to the national grid. This aligns with RPOs 96, 99, 219 and 222. Therefore, it is considered that the Proposed Grid Connection will contribute to achieving the RSES's strategic goals for sustainable energy, electricity infrastructure, economic growth, and climate action.

## 5.3 Local Planning Context

#### 5.3.1 Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028

The **Tipperary County Development Plan 2022–2028** (TCDP) is the principal planning policy document guiding development within the administrative area of Tipperary County Council (TCC). It promotes sustainable development and proper planning across all development types through policy objectives and development standards.

The following outlines key policies and objectives within the TCDP relevant to the proposed grid connection and its role in supporting renewable energy infrastructure.

#### 5.3.1.1 Renewable Energy

Chapter 2 of the Tipperary County Development Plan (TCDP) sets out the Core Strategy, which establishes a vision for the county's sustainable future. Central to this vision is the strategic objective:

• **SO-1:** To support the just transition to a climate-resilient, biodiversity-rich, environmentally sustainable, and climate-neutral economy.

Chapter 1 of the Plan focuses on building a low-carbon society and advancing climate action, while Chapter 10 specifically addresses renewable energy development. The TCDP recognises renewable energy and the bioeconomy as integral components of Ireland's transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient, and circular economy.

Key policies and objectives relevant to the Proposed Grid Connection include:

- **Policy 3-1:** Promote and facilitate renewable energy development in accordance with the Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy 2016 (and any subsequent reviews) and the Tipperary Climate Adaptation Strategy 2019.
- **Policy 10-1:** Support and facilitate new developments producing energy from local renewable sources such as hydro, bioenergy, wind, solar, geothermal, and landfill gas. This includes both renewable and non-renewable enabling infrastructure, subject to compliance with planning and environmental standards, and in cooperation with statutory and energy providers.
- Policy 10-A: Support the Climate Action Plan (DECC, 2019) regarding renewable energy production, recognising the strategic importance and benefits of renewable energy investment to rural communities.
- Policy 10-C: Continue to support renewable energy development and maintain a
  positive planning framework through periodic review of the Renewable Energy
  Strategy during the Plan's lifetime.

Collectively, these policies promote the generation and transmission of electricity from renewable sources and underpin the county's transition to a low-carbon energy future. Accordingly, the Proposed Grid Connection, which will enable the export of renewable electricity from the Consented Wind Farm to the national grid, aligns fully with the relevant objectives and policies of the TCDP.

Further reinforcing this, the TCDP acknowledges the importance of the **Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy** (2016) in facilitating a low-carbon future by supporting sustainable renewable energy sectors, including wind, solar, bioenergy, hydro, and geothermal energy. See **Section 7.3.2** of this Report for further details.

The TCDP highlights that Tipperary already makes a significant contribution to national wind energy generation, with approximately 475 MW of operational capacity—representing about 11% of the national total. It sets a target to increase this capacity to approximately 600 MW by 2028, reflecting a 25% increase over permitted capacity. This target encourages continued investment and growth in renewable energy infrastructure within the county. The proposed grid connection is essential to supporting this growth by enabling the Consented Wind Farm to export renewable electricity, aligning with Tipperary's renewable energy targets.

#### 5.3.1.2 **Zoning**

There is no existing land use zoning on the proposed site. However, as noted in **Section 6.3.2**, the Proposed Grid Connection is situated within an area designated as 'Open for Consideration' for wind energy. In any regard, the use of the adjacent lands for wind farm development has been permitted. It is considered that the Proposed Grid Connection is in line with this use, and therefore acceptable.

#### 5.3.2 Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy 2016

The **Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy** (the RES), published in 2016 and included as Appendix 2 of Volume 3 of the TCDP, provides a strategic framework to support Tipperary's role as a leader in renewable energy and climate action. The RES aims to facilitate appropriately sited renewable energy developments and promote energy efficiency across all sectors, thereby contributing to the county's low-carbon transition.

The Proposed Grid Connection is situated within an area designated as open for wind energy consideration, as shown on Map 11 of the RES (see **Figure 6-1**).

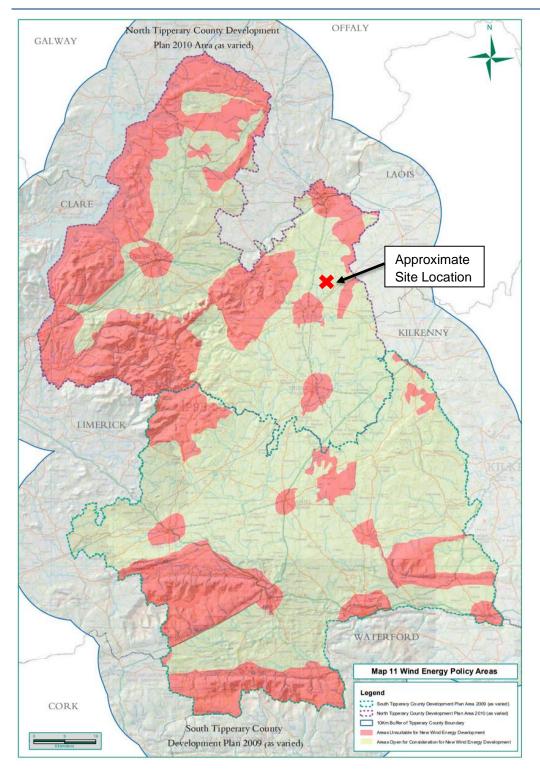


Figure 5-1 Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy Wind Energy Policy Areas

Source: Map 11 of Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy

Chapter 7 of the RES sets out key policies related to wind energy, including:

• TWIND 1: General Policy Statement on Wind Energy Development. The Council supports, in principle and at appropriate locations, the development of wind energy resources in Tipperary. It recognises the critical need to develop 'green electricity' to reduce fossil fuel dependency and greenhouse gas emissions, in line with global, European, and national renewable energy commitments.

While the RES primarily focuses on renewable energy generation and energy efficiency, it does not explicitly address grid connection infrastructure. However, the facilitation of renewable energy developments as envisaged in the RES inherently requires the provision of enabling infrastructure, such as grid connections, to export electricity generated by these developments.

In this context, the proposed grid connection is a vital enabler for the operation of the consented wind farm. By facilitating the export of renewable electricity to the national grid, the development aligns with the core aims of the RES to support renewable energy generation and contribute to Tipperary's climate action objectives.

## 5.4 Summary of Relevant Planning Policy Context

The proposed grid connection is strongly supported by a comprehensive framework of national, regional, and local planning policies aimed at facilitating Ireland's transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy.

At the national level, the development aligns with the NECP and the CAP25, both of which set ambitious targets for renewable electricity generation, including a significant increase in onshore wind capacity. The grid connection is critical to enabling the operation of the consented wind farm, thereby contributing directly to these targets.

Regionally, the RSES recognises the Southern Region's vital role as a renewable energy hub and supports the sustainable development and upgrading of electricity network infrastructure to meet growing energy demand and climate objectives. The Proposed Grid Connection aligns with key RPOs that promote renewable energy integration and electricity infrastructure enhancement.

Locally, the TCDP and the RES provide a clear policy foundation supporting renewable energy development and the necessary enabling infrastructure. The TCDP identifies Tipperary as a significant contributor to national wind energy generation and sets targets for further capacity growth. The proposed grid connection is essential to facilitating this growth by enabling the export of renewable electricity from the Consented Wind Farm.

In conclusion, the proposed grid connection is fully consistent with and supported by the relevant planning policy framework at all levels. It represents a necessary and positive development to achieve national and regional renewable energy ambitions and to support Tipperary's contribution to climate action and sustainable economic growth.

## **6** Summary Development Description

The Proposed Grid Connection, for which planning permission is sought under Section 182A of the Planning Act, comprises the construction of a grid connection and associated electrical infrastructure to facilitate the export of electricity from the Consented Wind Farm to the national grid via the existing 110kV Ikerrin-Thurles overhead line.

The development description, as set out in the public notices is as follows:

The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:

- i. A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electrical substation, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings with staff welfare facilities, underground wastewater storage tank, all associated electrical plant, cabling, equipment and apparatus, and security fencing, within a substation compound with a total footprint of approximately 1.41ha;
- ii. 2.1 kilometre 110kV underground cabling route, with 0.9km following the public road corridor and 1.2km along new proposed access track across agricultural grassland (including joint bays, communication and earth sheath link chambers and all ancillary works along the route);
- iii. 2 no. lattice-type end masts with a height of 16 metres to facilitate connection to the existing 110kV lkerrin-Thurles overhead electricity transmission line;
- iv. 1 no. temporary construction compound (including offices and staff welfare facilities);
- v. Vegetation removal and Spoil Management;
- vi. Site Drainage; and
- vii. All ancillary works and apparatus.

A ten-year planning permission is sought.

The planning application is supported by a suite of drawings. This includes a Site Layout Plan prepared by RPS, Drawing No. *IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-00 – Site Layout Map Key*, as well as plans, elevations and cross sections, which show the details and location of the different elements being proposed, i.e., the 110kV substation and associated electrical equipment and ancillary supporting facilities, 110kV underground cabling, joint bays, end masts, etc. **Figure 7-1** below shows an extract of the enclosed Site Layout Plan, identifying these elements. Please also refer to the following enclosed drawings which show the Site Layout in further detail:

- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-01 Site Layout Map 1 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-02 Site Layout Map 2 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-03 Site Layout Map 3 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-04 Site Layout Map 4 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-05 Site Layout Map 5 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-06 Site Layout Map 6 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-07 Site Layout Map 7 of 8
- IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-08 Site Layout Map 8 of 8

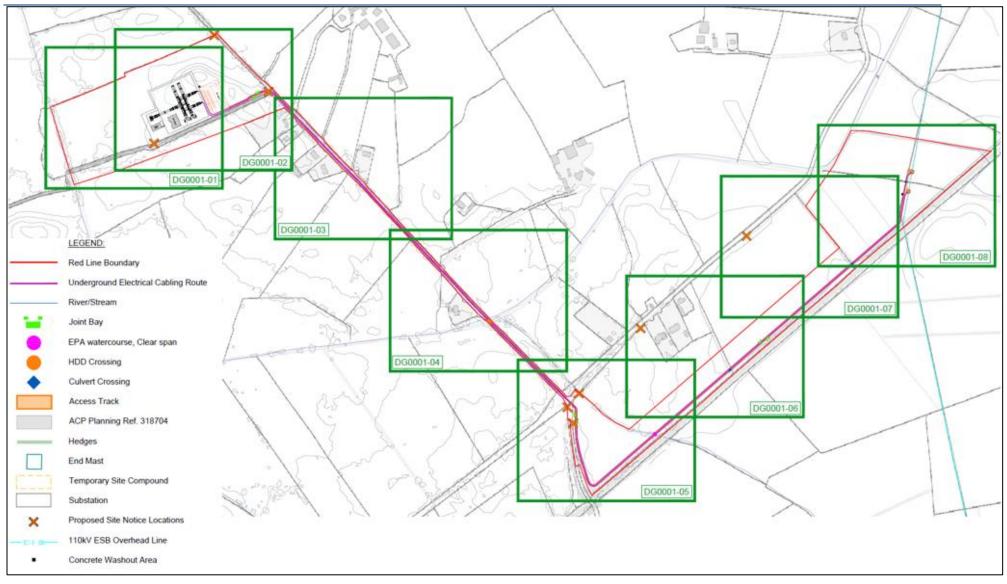


Figure 6-1: Site Layout Plan. Source: Drawing No. IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-00 prepared by RPS

#### 6.1 110 kV Electrical Substation

The proposed 110kV substation compound (approximately 11,600sq.m) will include 2 no. control buildings, electrical plant and equipment, staff welfare facilities, a wastewater storage tank, and security fencing (approximately 2.6m in height). The substation will connect the Consented Wind Farm to the national grid and remain part of the national grid infrastructure after decommissioning of the Consented Wind Farm.

For detailed layout and design, please refer to Drawing No. *IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0002-01 - Onsite 110kV Substation Drawing Layout*.

## 6.2 Underground Electrical and Communications Cabling

There is c.2km of proposed 110kV underground cabling that will connect the proposed 110kV substation to the existing 110 kV Ikerrin to Thurles overhead line.

The proposed 110kV underground cabling route traverses public roads (L7039, L7038, and part of R433) and agricultural fields in the townlands of Clonmore and Strogue. Six joint bays and communication chambers will be installed along the route.

Further details are available in Drawing No. *IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-00 – Site Layout Map Key* and the EIAR Chapter 3 Development Description.

#### 6.3 Connection to National Grid via End Masts

Two permanent lattice-type end masts are proposed to connect the underground cabling to the existing 110kV lkerrin to Thurles overhead line, creating a loop-in/loop-out configuration.

See Drawing No. IE002700-RPS-00-XX-DR-Z-DG0001-03 - Site Layout Map 3 of 3 for details.

## 6.4 Access Tracks and Construction Compound

Approximately 1.2 km of new permanent access tracks will be constructed over the underground cable route to facilitate installation and future maintenance.

Moreover, a temporary construction compound adjacent to the proposed 110kV substation will provide facilities including refuelling, storage, site offices, and welfare amenities.

## 6.5 Watercourse Crossings

The 110kV underground cabling route will cross two watercourses:

- Clonmore River via Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) beneath the watercourse, avoiding any in-stream works.
- Stroque River via a clear-span bridge crossing, avoiding any in-stream works.

Refer to the EIAR and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) enclosed with the application or construction methodology and environmental measures.

## 6.6 Site Infrastructure and Ancillary Works

Additional works include upgrading the L7039, site access works, vegetation removal, spoil management, site drainage, and operational signage. Construction materials such as sand and stone will be sourced from licensed local quarries, refer to Chapter 3 Development Description for details.

#### 6.6.1 Site Drainage

There will be no direct discharges into any natural watercourses or land drains. All drainage water will be managed as overland flows. It is proposed that all discharges from the work areas will be directed over vegetation filters at an appropriate distance from natural watercourses and drains.

#### 6.7 **Duration of Permission**

A ten-year permission is sought for the Proposed Grid Connection. We note that the Consented Wind Farm has been permitted for a ten-year period. In this regard, a ten-year permission is sought for the to allow the Proposed Grid Connection and the Consented Wind Farm to be constructed simultaneously.

#### 7 Environmental Considerations

#### 7.1 Environmental Impact Assessment

The Proposed Grid Connection has been subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which is enclosed with the application. The enclosed EIAR has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Directive and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, to allow the competent authority, ACP, to undertake an EIA of the Proposed Grid Connection.

The enclosed EIAR provides a study of the receiving environment and assesses the potential for significant impacts on the environment due to the construction and/or operation of the proposed grid connection by itself or in combination with other planned and proposed projects. It also recommends measures for mitigation and monitoring to prevent or lessen these impacts, where necessary.

The EIAR concludes that the proposed development would not have any significant direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the environment.

Additionally, the Consented Wind Farm underwent a mandatory EIA. An additional EIAR has been prepared and is enclosed with this planning application. This EIAR is volunteered for the proposed grid connection, which is required to facilitate the transmission of renewable energy from the consented wind farm to the national grid. The enclosed EIAR has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the EIA Directive and the Planning Regulations to allow the competent authority, ACP, to undertake an EIA of the Proposed Grid Connection.

## 7.2 Appropriate Assessment

The planning application is accompanied by an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report (Stage 1) prepared by RPS with respect to the Proposed Grid Connection. The Stage 1 AA concludes that:

- The proposed works are not directly connected with or necessary for the management of any European Site.
- The proposed works have the potential to result in LSEs alone and/or in combination on the designated interests of any European Sites
- Due to the LSEs identified, it is concluded that a Stage 2 Natura Impact Assessment (NIS) is required.

For further information on the Stage 1 AA, please refer to the report submitted with the planning application.

## 7.3 Natura Impact Statement

The planning application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The NIS concludes:

 Following a comprehensive evaluation of the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the Qualifying Interests of the Lower River Suir Special Area of Conservation and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, it has been concluded by the authors of this report that there will be no adverse effects on the integrity any European site either alone or in-combination with other plans and projects.

For further information, please refer to the NIS submitted with the planning application.

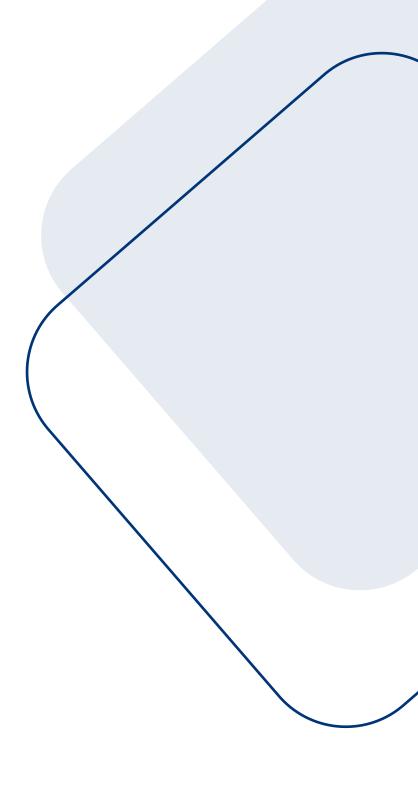
#### 8 Conclusion

The Proposed Grid Connection primarily comprises the construction of a 110kV substation, 110kV underground cabling linking the substation to the Ikerrin-Thurles 110kV overhead line via loop in loop out system.

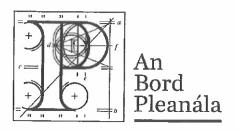
The Proposed Grid Connection is necessary for the operation of the Consented Wind Farm as it will allow the transmission of the renewable energy generated by the Consented Wind Farm development to the national grid. In this regard, the Proposed Grid Connection is required to materialise the benefits of the Consented Wind Farm, including inter alia, climate change mitigation, contribution to national energy targets and emission reduction goals, economic growth, job creation, and security of energy supply.

The proposal is in accordance with the policies and objectives of national, regional and local planning policy, and will contribute to meeting national renewable energy objectives and carbon emission targets. It has been demonstrated within this report, as well as within the accompanying drawings, documents, and EIAR and NIS, that the proposal will provide a suitable use of the subject lands and accords with good planning and sustainable development.

## **Appendices**



Appendix A Record of Consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála No. 1



# Record of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting ABP-317089-23

Case Reference / Description	Proposed 110kV electric the national grid at the e overhead line. Co. Tippe	xisting 110kV lkerr	
Case Type	Pre-application Consultation		
1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting	1st		
Date	06/07/2023	Start Time	11:00
Location	Virtually	End Time	11:45

Representing An Bord Pleanála	
Paul Caprani, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)	
Liam Bowe, Senior Planning Inspector	
Barbara White, Administrative Assistant (Recording)	

Representing the Prospective Applicant	
John Willoughby (MKO)	-
Ronan Dunne (MKO)	
Niall Galvin (Turnkey Developments)	
William O'Connor (Turnkey Developments)	
Karen Mulryan (MKO)	
Grainne Griffin (MKO)	

The meeting commenced at 11:00am.

#### Introduction

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, requesting pre-application consultations under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and advised the prospective applicant that the instant meeting essentially constituted an information-gathering exercise for the Board; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters that it wished to receive advice on from the Board. The Board's representatives mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process:

- The Board will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Board once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Board will serve notice at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development. It may form a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Board and public consultations may also be directed by the Board.
- The Board may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Board in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in any legal proceedings.

## Presentation by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant's agent (MKO Ireland) provided details on behalf of their client, Buirios Limited regarding the proposed Borrisbeg Renewable Energy Development, which includes 110kV substation, underground cable grid connection from substation to existing 110kV Ikerrin to Thurles overhead line and breaking into the existing overhead line.

Some items raised in the presentation are summarised as follows:

Introduction: Buirios Limited is an associated company of Enerco Energy Limited, who is involved in various wind energy developments throughout Ireland. The prospective applicant is also engaging with the Board regarding a proposed windfarm application under section 37B of the Act, Reference No. ABP-315851-23, which would run concurrently with the proposed development being discussed today.

Site Location: a map was presented noting the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) boundary. The site is c. 11km south of Roscrea Town and over 2km northeast of Templemore.

Energy Security and REPowerEU: focuses on accelerating the rollout of renewable energy and achieving established targets. The National Energy Security Framework April 2022 aligns national policy with REPowerEU targets.

National Planning Policy Context: The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, the Climate Action Plan 2023 and Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework were mentioned and reiterate strong support for renewable energy.

Local Planning Context: as per the presentation slides it was noted Tipperary County Council supports renewable energy development and set targets on this issue in it's County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Wind Energy Strategy 2016.

Grid Connection: the proposed development includes the existing 110kV lkerrin-Thurles overhead line being broken with two new steel towers. Also, underground cabling connection to a 110kV substation. An aerial view map was presented highlighting the proposed site, substation, temporary substation compound, underground grid connection route and the Ikerrin to Thurles 110kV line. Other items presented were the proposed substation design; connection; an indicative layout and elevation; indicative elevations for the proposed 110kV end masts and grid route. It was noted there would be two watercourse crossings at the Clonmore and Strogue streams, but no instream works are proposed.

Scoping, Pre-application and Community Consultation: A scoping document was circulated to the prescribed bodies in October/November 2022. Dates of various community consultations held were presented. Community consultations included a project website, site introduction, biodiversity brochure, draft turbine layout and proposed grid infrastructure and public consultation event held in Templemore, Co. Tipperary. It was noted there has been a lot of engagement with the community and the feedback was positive.

EIAR: details on the various chapters and areas to be covered was presented. Two new chapters have been added to the EIAR in relation to Climate; and Vulnerability of the Project to Major Accidents and Natural Disasters.

Proposed Project Timeline: during Q3 2023 more public consultations will be held and the prospective applicant aims to lodge a planning application for the windfarm under section 37E of the Act. In 2024 there will be ongoing public consultations. If the pre-application consultations and windfarm application are successful, then this proposed development application will be lodged also.

#### Discussion:

The Board's representatives advised the cumulative impact assessment must be comprehensive and noted from the details presented, that the case may fall within the scope of section 182A of the Act, however it was pointed out it is for the Board to decide if the application meets the criteria set out in section 182A of the Act, not the planning inspector in this instance.

It was noted the proposed substation and two steel towers will need to be included in the cumulative visual impact assessment also. The Board's representatives discussed the possibility of constructing the underground cable along the west road as an alternative route. The prospective applicant noted this possibility.

The Board's representatives noted that there appears to be six households and two working farms along the road where construction is being proposed and suggested the prospective applicant try to include these households, in the upcoming public consultations.

The Board's representatives noted the layout of the EIAR Table of Contents and suggested that the chapter in relation to 'Vulnerability to Major Accident and Natural Disasters' might be placed before the Chapter on the 'Interaction of the Foregoing' so as it can be assessed as part of the Chapter on the 'Interaction of the Foregoing'. The prospective applicant noted they would review and take this into consideration.

The Board's representatives sought confirmation from the prospective applicant there would be no instream works and, therefore, no potential for water pollution in either of the streams. The prospective applicant confirmed there are no instream works proposed.

Some discussion ensued regarding the Appropriate Assessment. The prospective applicant mentioned the nearest Special Area of Conservation (SAC) site is 17 kilometres west and the nearest Special Protection Area (SPA) would be the Slieve Bloom Mountains. The prospective applicant noted in terms of Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) that the proposed development would be a relatively straightforward application.

#### Conclusion:

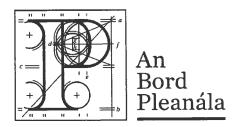
The record of the instant meeting will issue in due course and the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting. The onus is on the prospective applicant to request a further meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.45.

Paul Caprani

**Assistant Director of Planning** 

Appendix B Record of Consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála No. 2



# Record of Meeting ABP-317089-23

Case Reference / Description	Proposed 110kV electrical infrastructure and connection to the national grid at the existing 110kV lkerrin-Thurles overhead line, Co. Tipperary.		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting		
Date	01/05/2025 <b>Start Time</b> 2:30pm		
Location MS Teams End Time		3:25pm	

Representing the Prospective Applicant	
Karen Mulryan, RPS	
Valerie Brennan, RPS	
Carlos LaraGonzalez, RPS	
Niall Galvin, Buirios Limited	
William O'Connor, Buirios Limited	

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#### Introduction

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, requesting a second meeting for pre-application consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended; it also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters that it wished to receive advice on from the Board.

#### Presentation made by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant began the presentation by providing a recap of the proposed development and a summary of the first meeting.

The prospective applicant presented drawings of the proposed grid connection and substation and outlined the proposal.

The prospective applicant discussed national and regional planning policies in relation to the proposed development and mentioned updated policies since the first pre application consultation meeting.

The prospective applicant provided updates in relation to their planning application preparation and studies including the Ecology baseline study, EIA scoping, Planning report, Appended EIAR and NIS, Drawings and public notices.

The prospective applicant concluded the presentation by providing a proposed project timeline update with the intent of submitting a planning application to the Board in June/ July 2025.

#### Discussion:

 The Board's representatives began the discussion by seeking clarification on the rationale behind the prospective applicant's proposal to submit the Environmental Impact Assessment Report which accompanied the permitted

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wind farm application with the proposed planning application to be accompanied by a report specifically addressing the proposed development.

- The prospective applicant outlined that the EIAR prepared in respect of the permitted Borris Windfarm (ABP-318794-23) had examined the proposed substation and grid connection now proposed as part of the wider project.
- The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant to seek their own legal advice regarding this proposed approach.
- The Board's representatives advised that should the prospective applicant wish
  to submit an EIAR with the application, that the EIAR should be tailored to the
  specific aspects of the proposed development with the already permitted wind
  farm development being assessed in the cumulative impacts.
- The Board's representatives advised the prospective applicant to seek their own legal advice in respect of a consideration of EIA screening in relation to the proposed development.
- The prospective applicant advised that they may seek a further meeting.

#### Conclusion:

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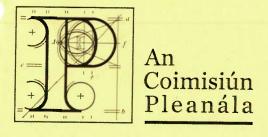
The Board's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Board's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime, and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 3:25pm

**Una Crosse** 

**Assistant Director of Planning** 

Appendix C Copy of SID Determination



Direction CD-020505-25 ABP-317089-23

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Commission Meeting held on 19/8/2025.

The Commission decided that the proposed development consisting of 110kV substation and underground electricity cable to facilitate the connection of the permitted Borrisbeg wind farm to the national grid via the Ikerrin to Thurles 110kV overhead line near Templemore, Co. Tipperary, as set out in the plans and particulars received by An Coimisiún Pleanála, falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended), and that any planning application should be made directly to the Commission.

The applicant shall be informed that the application documentation should be forwarded to the appropriate prescribed bodies:

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Tipperary County Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- larnród Éireann
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland
- Heritage Council
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Irish Water
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities

- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Health Service Executive

Mick Long

Office of Public Works

**Planning** 

Commissioner:

Date: 19/08/2025

Appendix D Record of Consultation with Tipperary County Council

From: Gormley, Cora
To: Gormley, Cora

Subject: FW: [External] RE: Update on proposed grid connection associated with the consented Borrisbeg Wind

Farm, Co. Tipperary

**Date:** 02 October 2025 09:11:00

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From: Planning Group planning@tipperarycoco.ie>

**Sent:** 21 July 2025 15:31

**To:** Brennan, Valerie <<u>Valerie.Brennan@rps.tetratech.com</u>> **Cc:** Collins, Siobhan <<u>siobhan.collins@tipperarycoco.ie</u>>

**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Update on proposed grid connection associated with the

consented Borrisbeg Wind Farm, Co. Tipperary

Dear Valeire,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email and advise that the Planning Authority do not require any further information or any further preplanning meeting in relation to the proposed development.

Kind Regards, Siobhan

Siobhan Ryan, Staff Officer, Planning

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**From:** Brennan, Valerie < <u>Valerie.Brennan@rps.tetratech.com</u>>

**Sent:** 21 July 2025 11:59

**To:** Carey, Marion < <u>marion.carey@tipperarycoco.ie</u>>; Planning Group

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**Cc:** Walsh, Enda <<u>enda.walsh@tipperarycoco.ie</u>>; <u>tomas.duffy@tipperarycoco.ie</u>; Mulryan, Karen

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**Subject:** [External] RE: Update on proposed grid connection associated with the consented Borrisbeg Wind Farm, Co. Tipperary

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Hi Marion,

Please find attached our informal scoping letter regarding the proposed grid connection associated with the consented Borrisbeg Wind Farm. I would be grateful if you can please forward this to anyone else in Tipperary County Council who may be interested in this?

Also, in relation to my attached updated correspondence of 10 July 2025 (ref. below), I would be grateful if you can please advise if you require any further pre-application meetings in relation to this proposed development?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks in advance,

Valerie.

From: Brennan, Valerie Sent: 10 July 2025 17:22

**To:** 'marion.carey@tipperarycoco.ie' < <u>marion.carey@tipperarycoco.ie</u>>;

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**Subject:** Update on proposed grid connection associated with the consented Borrisbeg Wind Farm, Co. Tipperary

Dear Marion,

Please find attached correspondence which provides you with an update on the status of the transmission grid connection associated with the consented Borrisbeg Wind Farm in Co. Tipperary.

I would greatly appreciate if you could please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

Should you require any further clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

#### Valerie.

#### Valerie Brennan

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