

# KILMICHAEL WIND FARM AND 110KV SUBSTATION

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Fehily Timoney and Company, on behalf of Kilmichael Wind Farm Limited C/o Regnum Renewables Developments Limited (Regnum Renewables), submits this information to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) in support of a request for pre-application consultation on whether the proposed Kilmichael Wind Farm and associated grid infrastructure constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID). For clarification, this proposed development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413).

In accordance with the provisions of Section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the SID pre-application consultation fee to An Coimisiún Pleanála of €4,500 has been paid on Friday 28th November via Electronic Fund Transfer (Payment Reference Number: 234151962).

### 1.1 Prospective Applicant Details

Kilmichael Wind Farm Limited is the Applicant, and Fehily Timoney and Company is the Main Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant. . Kilmichael Wind Farm Limited C/o Regnum Renewables is an Irish renewable energy company specialising in the development of renewable energy projects.

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### 1.2 Applicant's Legal Interest

The proposed Kilmichael Wind Farm development comprises privately owned lands. Kilmichael Wind Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Regnum Renewables have 'option to lease' agreements in place with the majority of the relevant private landowners and Coillte. Additional agreements are in the process of being signed for the 110kV grid connection route from the wind farm site to the proposed off-site 110kV substation and the underground 33kV interconnector cable.



## 2. SITE LOCATION AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 Site Location

The proposed development lands comprising wind farm site, substation lands, blade transition land, and grid connection route, are located to the northwest of Gorey, within the townlands of; Mountnebo, Kilmichael Hill, Lyrane, Craanhill, Craan Upper, Carrigbeg, Craan Upper, Craan Lower, Ballygullen, Ballyowen, Ballinacoola, and Glandoran Lower (please refer to **Appendix 1 - Site Location**).

The subject lands associated with the main wind farm site are located c. 5.5km to the northwest of Gorey, c. 7km west of Carnew, c. 1.6km north west of Craanford, c/ 1.5km south east of Monaseed, and c. 850m south east of Hollyfort, . The surrounding robust working landscape comprises mainly rolling farmland and forestry, and rural dwelling clusters.

The proposed substation and blade transition areas are located approx. 5km to the southeast of the main wind farm site, along the R725. The proposed blade transition area is located on an agricultural field to the north of regional road R725, with 1 no. farm residence located southeast of the site boundary and 1 no. residential property located to the north west of the site boundary. With the proposed substation site located to the south of the R725, and there are 3 no. residential receptors located to the northwest of the substation lands.

The proposed Grid Connection Route (GCR) will exit the wind farm site entrance and run along the local road L-5058-3, continuing along L-2028-2, then L-5058-1, taking a right onto L-5059-1, and a left onto regional road R-725-12, and finally onto R-725-13 where it reaches the proposed substation location. Please see **Appendix 4** for Indicative Grid Connection Route.

The identified Turbine Delivery Route (TDR) currently being considered from Rosslare Port will travel north along N25, onto the N11, turning right at Scurlocksbush Hill onto the M11, continuing along the M11 Enniscorthy Bypass, turning onto R772 towards south of Gorey, before turning left onto the R725 and travelling approx. 2.3km along R725 before entering the blade transition lands. Please see **Appendix 5** for Indicative Turbine Delivery Route.

### 2.2 Project Outline

Kilmichael Wind Farm Limited wish to commence SID Pre-Application consultation discussions with ACP under Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The aforementioned proposed development comprises the following key elements:

1. Wind Farm development site comprising 8 no. turbines;
2. Proposed off-site 110kV substation located approximately 5km south east of the wind farm site itself, to the south of the R725;
3. Associated 33kV grid connection cable route connecting the proposed wind farm site and proposed new off-site 110kV substation;
4. Blade transition laydown area to be located approximately 5km south east of wind farm site, to the north of the R725;
5. Accommodation works along proposed turbine delivery route (TDR) to facilitate turbine component delivery from Rosslare Port to the proposed Blade transition laydown area; and
6. Relocation of an existing 32m telecoms mast within the Wind Farm site;
7. Forestry Felling



The Proposed Wind Farm site currently comprises 8 no. turbines, as shown within the Draft Site Layout enclosed at **Appendices 2 & 3**. A total of 2 no. turbines are to be located within Coillte forestry lands, and may have a reduced rotor diameter than the remaining 6 no. turbines, to be situated across the remainder of the subject lands outside of the forestry area.

The Applicant is currently assessing a total of 4 no. turbine types and intend to submit a separate Design Flex Pre-Application Request following the initial SID Pre-Application Meeting with ACP. For information only at this stage, the turbine model and specification dimensions being considered at this stage are set out in turn below, with the Proposed Development expected to provide an output of between 52.2MW and 57.6MW.

**Nordex N149 (5.7MW)**

- Hub height – 104.7m
- Rotor Diameter – 149.1m
- Tip Height – 179.2m

**Vestas V150 (6MW)**

- Hub height – 105m
- Rotor Diameter – 150m
- Tip Height – 180m

**Nordex N163 (6.8MW)**

- Hub height – 98.5m
- Rotor Diameter – 163m
- Tip Height – 182m

**Vestas V162 (7.2MW)**

- Hub height – 99m
- Rotor Diameter – 162m
- Tip Height – 180m

## **2.3 Planning Considerations**

The site does not fall within any European or National protected areas, however it does sit approx. 1.5km to the west of the Slaney River SAC. It has been flagged that a qualifying interest of the SAC is Freshwater Pearl Mussel. Ecological and ornithological surveys have been ongoing since 2023, which have informed the current design.

There are 9 no. existing, and 2 no. permitted wind energy developments within the study area (20km radius), but none within 10km of the proposed development site. These tend to be of small and medium scale in terms of both turbine height and number /extent. Except for the 21 no. turbine Ballywater scheme located on the Wexford Coastline, approx. 20km to the southeast of the site. Overall, it is considered that the proposed wind farm has very little potential to contribute to significant cumulative impacts in combination with existing or permitted wind farms within the study area.



There are two recorded ringfort sites located within an area of commercial forestry within the eastern portion of the Site, with none of the turbines currently proposed within 300m of these locations. In addition, there is also 1 no. recorded ringfort within 60m of the proposed substation site, with the ringfort ZON extending within 10m of the substation site boundary.

### Local Planning Policy Context

The subject lands fall within the jurisdiction of Wexford County Council. The Wexford County Development Plan (CDP) 2022–2028 sets out the county's strategy for wind energy development over the lifetime of the Plan. Within this framework, the County's "Energy Strategy" (Volume 10 of the CDP) identifies the subject site as lying within an area classified as "Not Normally Permissible" for wind energy development, as shown on Map 14 "Wind Energy Strategy Map". The site as noted in the introduction is located in the north of the County and the Energy Strategy indicates at section 5.5 that the North of the County:

*"Due to the number of existing wind farms, and having regard to the areas open for consideration for wind farm development in adjoining counties, it is considered that the north-west of the county has reached capacity in terms of wind farm development. Further wind farm development in this area may have potential adverse cumulative impacts. This area is also designated as 'Uplands' in the Landscape Character Assessment and is identified as having limited capacity to absorb development. The north-east of the county is also mainly designated as 'Uplands' and there are a number of settlements in this area which make it less suitable for wind farm development. The north of the county has therefore been included in the Not Normally Permissible area".*

As previously addressed at Section 2.3 above, there are no operating or pending wind farms within 10km of the subject site<sup>1</sup>.

This 'Not Normally Permissible' designation is defined in Table 8 of the Energy Strategy as follows:

*"This area is considered to be generally unsuitable for wind farm development due to significant environmental, heritage and landscape constraints, housing density, distance from the grid and/or wind speed. Individual small-scale turbines will be considered on a case-by case basis for local community needs. Applications for re-powering (by replacing existing wind turbines) and extension of existing wind farms will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will be subject to the development management standards contained in Section 5.7. Any such applications should include details of how best available techniques are to be used to keep noise impacts to a minimum. When assessing planning applications for repowering or extensions to existing wind farms against the development management standards, the planning authority will have particular regard to the reasons why the area was identified as 'Not Normally Permissible' in Section 5.5."*

It is important to note that the policy "Not Normally Permissible" for wind energy development does not expressly preclude wind energy in this area, but would generally discourage same. Therefore, a wind farm could be considered acceptable in principle at this location subject to addressing the key considerations of the Energy Strategy and County Development Plan in designating the area as "Not Normally Permissible". Furthermore, as outlined below an analysis of the Wind Energy Strategy would suggest that there are inconsistencies in the Landscape Character Assessment and the Wind Energy Strategy in designating wind energy development areas.

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<sup>1</sup> This statement is correct at the time of preparing this document.



**Table 7: Strategic Guidance on Landscape Capacity for Wind Energy Developments in Landscape Character Areas**

| LCA     | Characteristics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Wind Resources and Wind Farm Potential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Capacity of Landscape for Wind Farm Development | LCTs in 2006 Guidelines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Appropriate Size of Wind Farms                                     |
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| Uplands | <p>Low intensity agriculture and stock rearing, coniferous forestry plantations and areas of transitional vegetation. Higher ground is characterised by poor drainage, higher wind/rainfall, limited vegetation and land use.</p> <p>This landscape contains elevated and steeper land, ridges and skylines, which are prominent in the overall landscape and which are generally more sensitive to development.</p> <p>Recently constructed wind farms have become a feature in this landscape.</p> | <p>Potential: High</p> <p>220kV line runs through/adjacent to this area</p> <p>Areas of high wind speed</p> <p>Castledockrell wind farm (12 turbines) and Ballindaggin wind farm (6 turbines) are located in this area and permission has been granted for a further eight wind farms.</p> | Limited capacity to absorb further development. | Mountain Moorland – may be inappropriate for wind energy development for reasons of natural heritage and the fact that some of these landscapes are of rare scenic quality and/or support some of the last wilderness areas of relatively pristine, unspoilt and remote landscapes. | No longer suitable – located in the Not Normally Permissible area. |

**Figure 1 - Extract of Table 7 from Page 53, Volume 10 - Energy Strategy of the Wexford CDP**

The Applicant has engaged the services of Macroworks, a chartered landscape consultancy to independently review the subject site in the context of its Uplands' landscape unit designation which has been assigned a 'High' landscape sensitivity rating in the CDP in the context of Section 6.9 of the 2006 WEDG. It is considered that applying the 'Mountain Moorland' landscape type as set out in the WEDG to the entire 'Uplands' landscape unit within the County is a broad brush categorisation.

In the Wexford context, the 'Uplands' can be considered as any landscape that does not fall within the flat lowland farming areas, is not coastal and is not contained within a river corridor. The vast majority of the 'Uplands' unit is contained in rolling farmland and forestry that is much more applicable to 'Hilly and Flat Farmland' or 'Transitional Marginal' landscape types from the WEDG. Furthermore, Column 5 of the table (Table 7) appears to use the guidance for 'Mountain Moorland', which may give the impression that the WEDG is not in favour of wind energy development in this landscape type. It should be noted that the WEDG deliberately avoids indicating preference or ranking sensitivity across its range of landscape types, instead opting to illustrate design considerations for each. It is considered that the output of the County's Energy Strategy has been selective in its interpretation and application of the WEDG. Notably, the sentence immediately following the excerpt cited in Column 5 which states: "However, many examples of these landscapes should be open for consideration, subject to appropriate design and landscape siting to minimise adverse impact and optimise aesthetic effect." This qualifying guidance has not been reflected in the Council's assessment.

Figure 2 is an extract of Map 14 - Wind Energy Strategy from Volume 10 - Energy Strategy of the Wexford CDP which demonstrates the visual context of the Proposed Development site in relation to the Wind Energy Zonings for County Wexford.

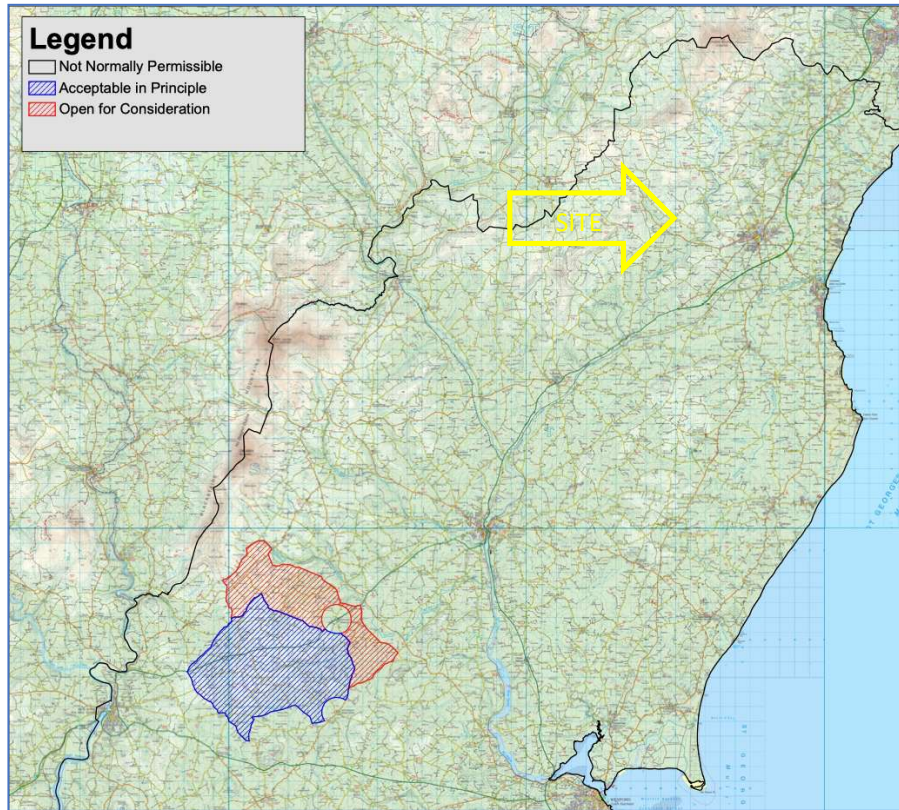


Figure 2: Extract of Map 14 - Wind Energy Strategy Map (Vol 10 - Energy Strategy of the Wexford CDP)



### 3. CLASS OF DEVELOPMENT WITH REGARD TO THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE

#### 3.1 Class of Development within the 7th Schedule

The Applicant intends to apply for planning consent directly to ACP through SID process. The following section sets out the factors which qualify the Proposed Development as SID.

To qualify for SID under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), a Proposed Development must firstly fall within a class specified in the Seventh Schedule to the 2000 Act. Part 1 of the Seventh Schedule, as amended, which specifies, inter alia, the following classes of development:

*“An installation for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (a wind farm) with more than 25 turbines or having a total output greater than 50 megawatts.”*

Having regard to the nature and scale of the Proposed Development comprising of 8 no. turbines with individual power outputs of between c. 5.7MW and 7.2MW, the Proposed Development comes within the scope of Section 1 of the Seventh Schedule of the Strategic Infrastructure Act, 2006 (as amended), with the Proposed Development expected to provide an output of up to 57.6MW.

#### 3.2 Contribution to National and Regional Renewable Energy Infrastructure

We note ACP takes a pragmatic approach in their considerations to Strategic Infrastructure and may rely on the long title of the 2006 Act, which provides for the making directly to ACP of applications for permission for a project which:

- is of strategic economic or social importance to the State or the region in which it would be situate,
- would contribute substantially to the fulfilment of any of the objectives of the National Spatial Strategy or in any regional spatial and economic strategy in respect of the area or areas in which the development would be situate,
- would have a significant effect on the area of more than one planning authority.

The proposed infrastructure development will contribute substantially to the fulfilment of the objectives of the revised National Planning Framework (NPF), Climate Action Plan and Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy.

In the national context, the proposed development will contribute to commitments across a number of objectives from the ‘Project Ireland 2040: The National Planning Framework’ in relation to sustainable development of rural areas, sustainable management of natural capital, renewable energy generation and carbon footprint.

The NPF sets out the Government’s high level strategic plan for shaping Ireland’s growth and development to 2040. The Draft First Revision to the NPF underwent a public consultation period between 10th July and 12th September 2024, and following the completion of the public consultation period, the government gave final approval of the NPF (First Revision) on 8th April 2025. The aims of the NPF is to provide a strategic and coherent spatial planning framework for the sustainable development of Ireland to 2040, with key objectives including:



- Accommodating Population Growth: Planning for a projected population increase to 6.1-6.3 million by 2040 and guiding the delivery of c. 50,000 homes per year to meet this demand and address existing needs.
- Achieving Compact Growth: Prioritizing the development of existing urban areas through infill and brownfield development, aiming for at least 40% of new housing within existing built-up areas to curb sprawl.
- Ensuring Integrated Infrastructure Delivery: Coordinating and prioritizing the delivery of essential infrastructure (transport, water, energy, digital connectivity, social infrastructure) to support population growth and housing development.
- Transitioning to a Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Society: Integrating climate action and renewable energy targets into spatial planning, including the identification of regional renewable electricity capacity allocations to accelerate the rollout of onshore wind and solar energy.
- Strengthening Regional Development: Aiming for a more balanced distribution of population and employment growth across the regions, with a target of at least matching the growth in the Eastern and Midland region with the combined growth of the Southern and Northern and Western regions.
- Enhancing Sustainable Mobility: Prioritizing investment in sustainable transport options and promoting Transport-Oriented Development (TOD) to integrate housing and employment with high-quality public transport.
- Protecting and Enhancing the Environment: Placing a greater emphasis on nature protection, biodiversity, green spaces, and the sustainable management of water and other environmental resources.

The NPF provides a platform from which investment can be provided which is environmentally sustainable, economically balanced, and socially inclusive which ensures that growth is managed effectively and that the necessary infrastructure and services are in place to support a growing population. Furthermore, the NPF also addresses climate change and regional disparities which demonstrates an approach that joins up ambition for improvement across the different areas of Irish life, and bringing the various government departments, agencies, state owned enterprises and local authorities together behind a shared set of strategic objectives for rural, regional and urban development. This is shown in the new NPF, where Chapter 9, 'Climate Transition and Our Environment', outlines the Irish Governments commitment to a long-term climate policy aimed at achieving a low-carbon and climate-resilient society by 2050.

The Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy for the Southern Region 2020-2032 (RSES) identifies the development of wind energy and the enhancement of electricity grid infrastructure as strategic priorities to meet national and regional climate targets. It supports the integration of renewable energy into the grid, the development of Strategic Energy Zones, and collaboration with grid operators to future-proof energy infrastructure by way of Regional Policy Objectives (RPO's), such as the following:

- RPO 91 – Support the development of renewable energy sources at appropriate locations and scales, including wind energy, in line with environmental considerations and proper planning.
- RPO 92 – Promote the development of offshore renewable energy, including offshore wind, in coordination with national policy and marine spatial planning.
- RPO 93 – Facilitate the delivery of enabling infrastructure such as electricity grid reinforcement, storage, and interconnection to support renewable energy development.
- RPO 98 – Ensure that energy networks are reinforced and modernised to accommodate the planned growth in renewable energy and to support decarbonisation across all sectors.



- RPO 99 – Promote collaboration with EirGrid, ESB Networks and other providers to ensure that transmission and distribution systems are resilient, efficient, and future-ready.
- RPO 100 – Support the identification and development of Strategic Energy Zones in suitable locations to enable renewable energy generation (such as wind farms) with grid access and capacity.

The latest Climate Action Plan 2025 (CAP25), published in April 2025, continues on from the previous edition, Climate Action Plan 2024 (CAP24), and under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, CAP25 represents the final statutory update within Ireland’s first carbon budget period (2021–2025). CAP25 and CAP24 both reaffirm the Government’s commitment to a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (relative to 2018), and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. However, in comparison to CAP24, it is clear that CAP25 places a stronger emphasis on implementation and delivery, incorporating new high-impact actions, enhanced governance measures, and more detailed tracking of sectoral performance. It also intensifies focus on renewable energy deployment, energy infrastructure readiness and planning system reform.

CAP25 aims to reduce emissions from the electricity sector by 75% by 2030 and supports this by reaffirming targets to deliver 6 GW of onshore wind by 2025 and 9 GW by 2030. The plan commits to publishing and implementing a Net Zero Electricity Network Plan, launching a policy framework for Long Duration Energy Storage, and continuing the rollout of Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) auctions. CAP25 strengthens the treatment of renewable energy within the planning system by recognising it as an overriding public interest, while also finalising the Renewable Electricity Spatial Policy Framework and supporting the development of Regional Renewable Electricity Strategies.

In summary, the Proposed Development represents a strengthening of the national transmission network to facilitate renewable energy that will materially contribute to national energy targets and assist in the achievement of objectives of the National Planning Framework and the RSES.

### 3.3 Statement as to Why the Development Should be Regarded as SID

Section 37A (1) states that an application for permission for any development specified in the Seventh Schedule shall, if the following condition is satisfied, be made to the Board under Section 37E and not to a planning authority.

Section 37A (2) says:

*“Following consultations under section 37B, the Board serves on the prospective applicant a notice in writing under that section stating that, in the opinion of the Board, the proposed development would, if carried out, fall within one or more of the following paragraphs, namely:*

*(a) the development would be of strategic economic or social importance to the State or the region in which it would be situate,*

*(b) the development would contribute substantially to the fulfilment of any of the objectives in the National Planning Framework or in any regional planning guidelines in force in respect of the area or areas in which it would be situate,*

*(c) the development would have a significant effect on the area of more than one planning authority.”*



### ***Is of Strategic Importance to the State or Region***

In compliance with Section 37A(2)(a), it is the applicant's opinion that the Proposed Development would be of strategic economic and social importance to the State and the Southern Region.

The Proposed Development will contribute to the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy in line with national policies and objectives such as the CAP 25, 'Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021' enacted by the Government and National Policy Objective 55 from 'Project Ireland 2040: The National Planning Framework' (NPF).

It is this commitment to energy and climate policy that justifies a clear need for more renewable energy generation in Ireland.

The latest Climate Action Plan 2025 (CAP 25), published in April 2025, continues on from the previous edition, Climate Action Plan 2024 (CAP 24), and under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, CAP25 represents the final statutory update within Ireland's first carbon budget period (2021–2025). CAP 25 and CAP 24 both reaffirm the Government's commitment to a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (relative to 2018), and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. However, in comparison to CAP 24, it is clear that CAP 25 places a stronger emphasis on implementation and delivery, incorporating new high-impact actions, enhanced governance measures, and more detailed tracking of sectoral performance. It also intensifies focus on renewable energy deployment, energy infrastructure readiness and planning system reform.

CAP 25 aims to reduce emissions from the electricity sector by 75% by 2030 and supports this by reaffirming targets to deliver 6 GW of onshore wind by 2025 and 9 GW by 2030. The plan commits to publishing and implementing a *Net Zero Electricity Network Plan*, launching a policy framework for *Long Duration Energy Storage*, and continuing the rollout of Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) auctions. CAP25 strengthens the treatment of renewable energy within the planning system by recognising it as an overriding public interest, while also finalising the *Renewable Electricity Spatial Policy Framework* and supporting the development of *Regional Renewable Electricity Strategies*.

The proposed development seeks to contribute to the ambitious renewable energy targets as set out in CAP 25 by acting as an integral part of completing many of these actions set out in the CAP and help the country on its path towards net-zero emissions by 2050.

With a potential installed capacity of approx. 57.6MW, the Proposed Development should be considered economically and socially strategically important to the state in challenging climate change and meeting our renewable energy targets.

The proposed development will create employment opportunities relating to the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the Proposed Development. Additionally, rates will be made payable to Wexford County Council by the developer, and a 'Community Benefit Fund' will be put in place, which will result in a positive benefit on the economic profile of the subject area, with the Proposed Development creating a fund which will be of a scale to support strategic environmental and social objectives of the local community.

### ***Would Contribute Substantially to the Fulfilment of the National Planning Framework / Regional Strategy***

In terms of Section 37A(2)(b), it is considered that the Proposed Development will contribute substantially to the fulfilment of the objectives of the NPF and The RSES.



In the national context, the Proposed Development will fulfil the commitment of several objectives from the NPF in relation to sustainable development of rural areas, sustainable management of natural capital, renewable energy generation and carbon footprint.

‘Project Ireland 2040: National Development Plan 2018-2027’ emphasises the importance of investment in renewable energy sources to increase share of renewables in Ireland’s energy mix for a transition to sustainable energy.

Regionally, the RSES is committed to the Region becoming a low-carbon and circular region. This will require reduction of all greenhouse gases, of which carbon dioxide is the most prominent. The RSES sets out an Objective to support the sustainable development of renewable wind energy (on shore and offshore) at appropriate locations and related grid infrastructure in the Region in compliance with national Wind Energy Guidelines. The addition of renewable electricity from the proposed Kilmichael Wind Farm would greatly support the region’s sustainable renewable energy generation, in line with regional policy.

***Would have a Significant Effect on the Area of More than One Planning Authority***

In relation to Section 37A(2)(c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the development is located entirely within the administrative boundary of Wexford County Council. The project will be connected to the national grid, and will provide renewable energy to the region over the lifetime of the project, thus displacing the emissions generated from using other less clean forms of energy generation.

Based on the above, the Proposed Development meets the threshold of Section 37 (a)(1) as set out in Paragraph 1 of the Seventh Schedule, and the requirements of Section 37 (a)(2). Therefore, in satisfying the requirements of Section 37 (a)(1) and Section 37 (a)(2), the Proposed Development also satisfies Paragraph 1 of the Seventh Schedule and the requirements of Section 37 (a)(3), which states the “prospective applicant” means the person referred to in section 37B(1)”, as described above.



## 4. CONCLUSION

We respectfully request An Coimisiún Pleanála to determine that the Proposed Development of Kilmichael Wind Farm be determined as Strategic Infrastructure Development by reason of its scale and its importance to the Irish state in reducing the nation's reliance on fossil fuel and the requirements to transition to a low carbon society in compliance with the Climate Action Plan 2025.

Pursuant to Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), we request that a consultation meeting take place at your earliest convenience following receipt by the Commission.

Please contact Robyn Nicholl of Fehily Timoney and Company with respect to a pre-application consultation meeting. Contact information is included in Section 1.1.

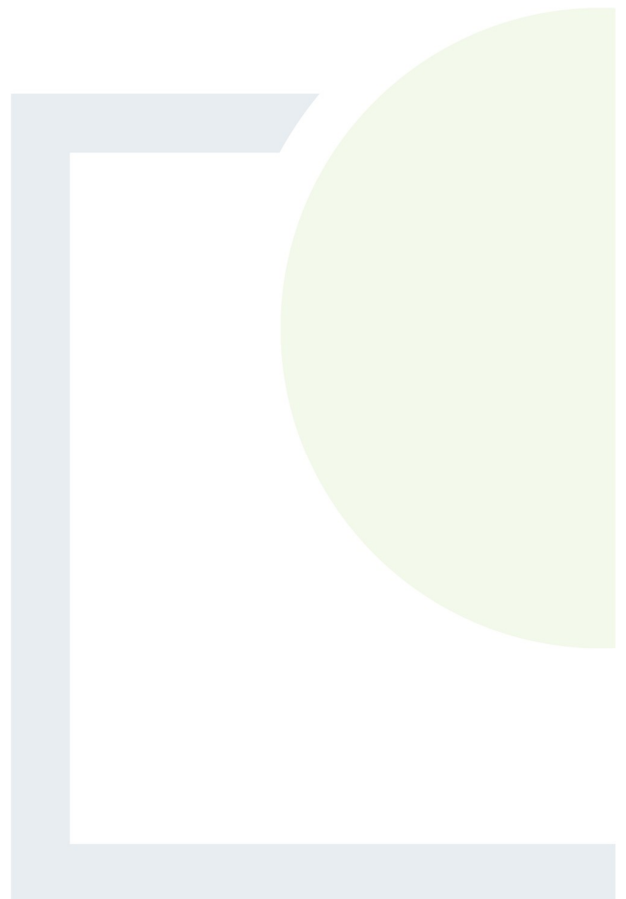


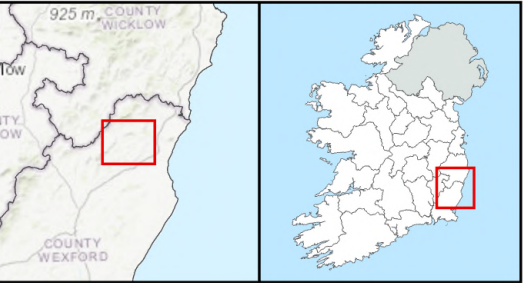


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# APPENDIX 1

Site Location Plan





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 Site Boundary

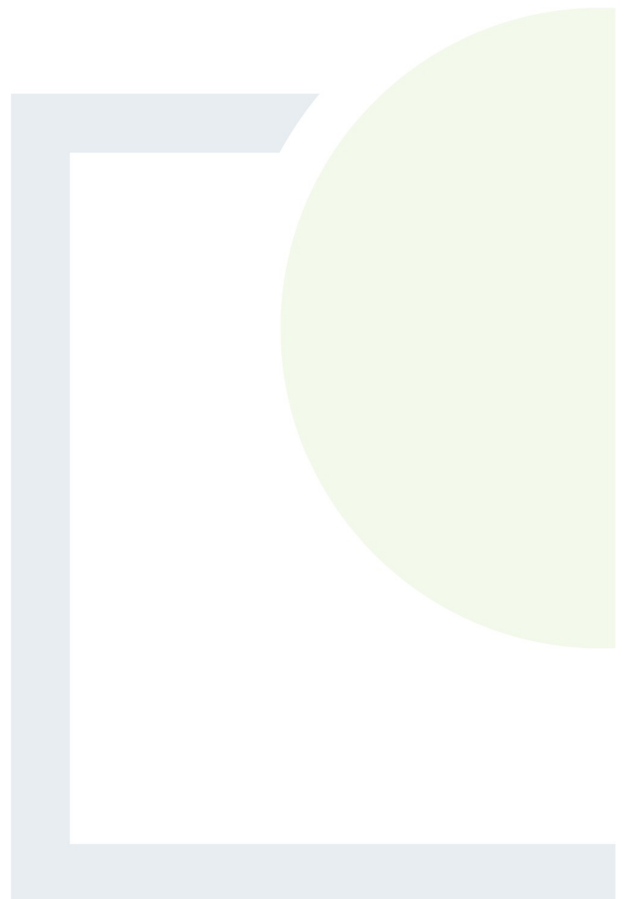
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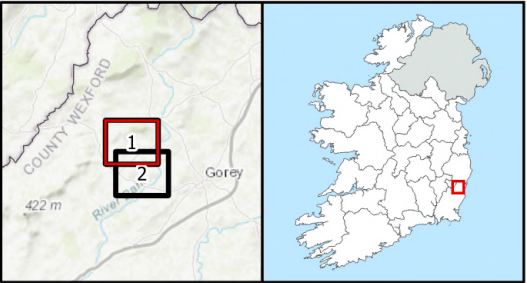


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## APPENDIX 2

Proposed Site Layout -  
Wind Farm site





**Legend**

- Site Boundary
- Switch Room
- Construction Compounds
- Turbine Swept Paths
- Hardstandings
- Autotrack
- Access Tracks
- Turbine Locations
- Telecom Mast

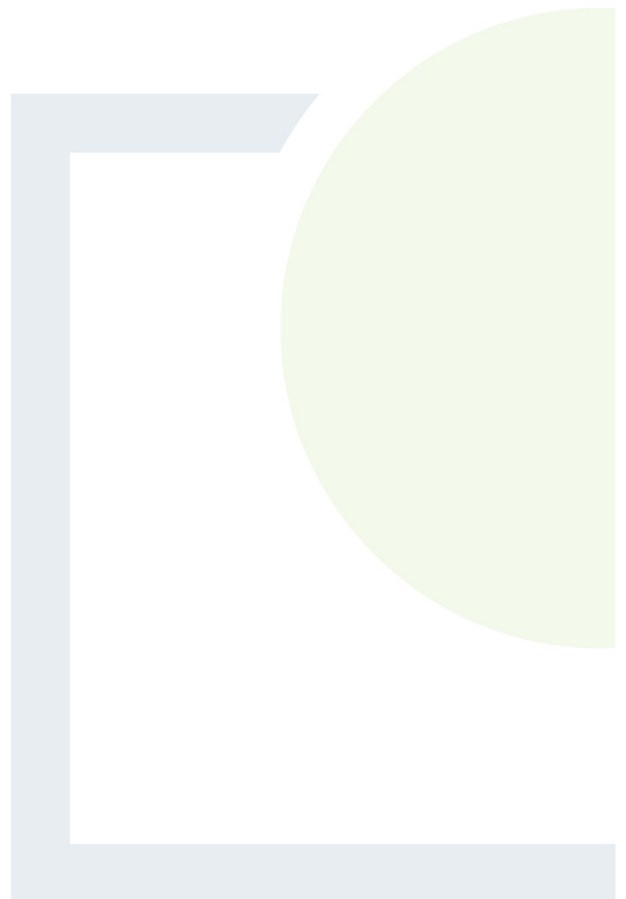
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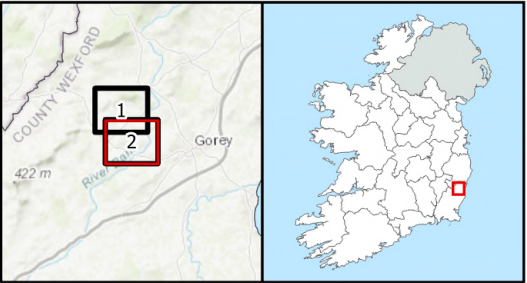


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## APPENDIX 3

Proposed Site Layout -  
Substation and Blade  
Transition Lands





- Legend**
- Site Boundary
  - Blade Setdown Area
  - Access Tracks
  - Substation
  - Blade Letdown Area Detail
  - Telecom Mast

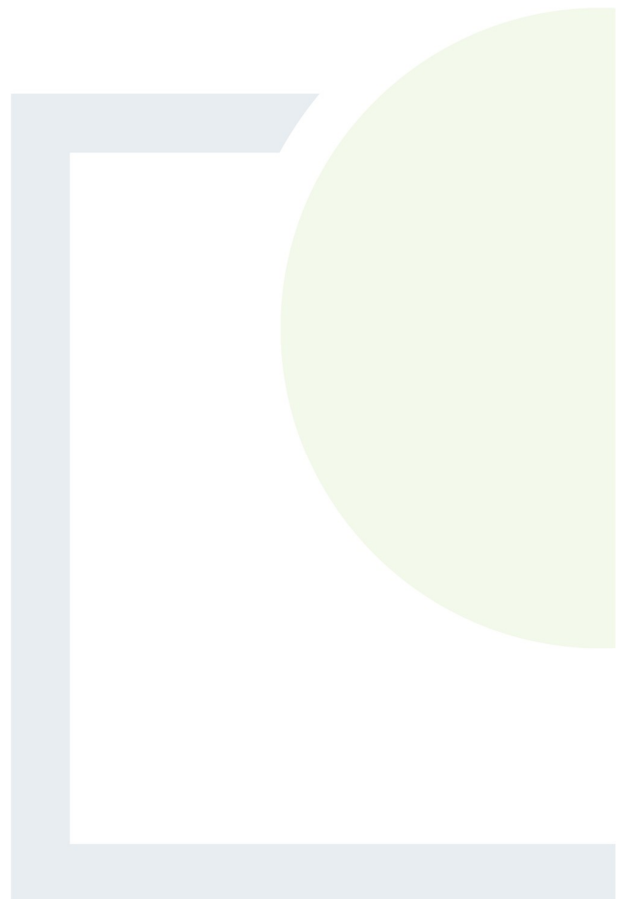
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## APPENDIX 4

Grid Connection Route





**Legend**

-  Site Boundary
-  Switch Room
-  Substation
-  Grid Connection Route
-  Turbine Locations

**TITLE:**  
Grid Connection Route

**PROJECT:**  
Kilmichael Windfarm

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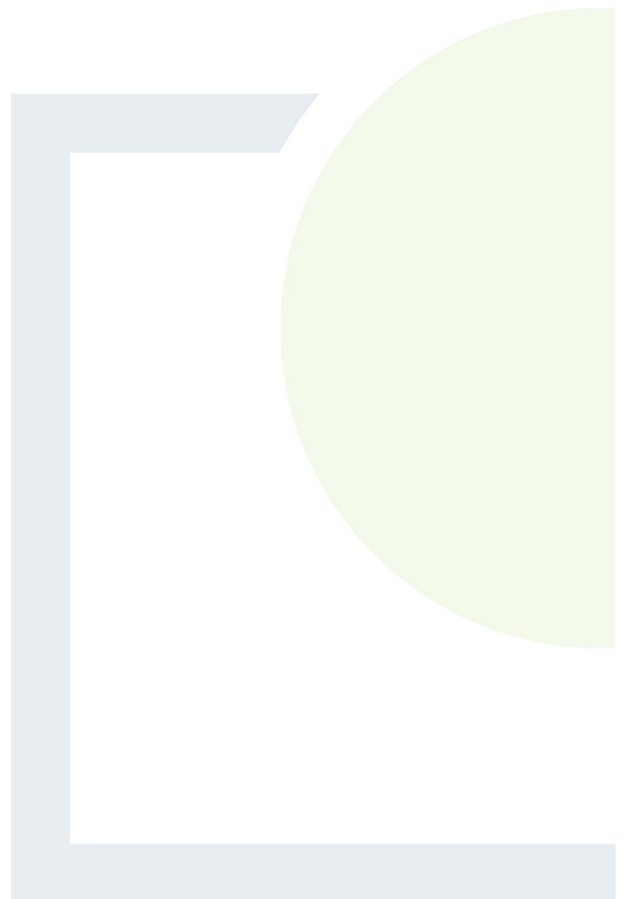


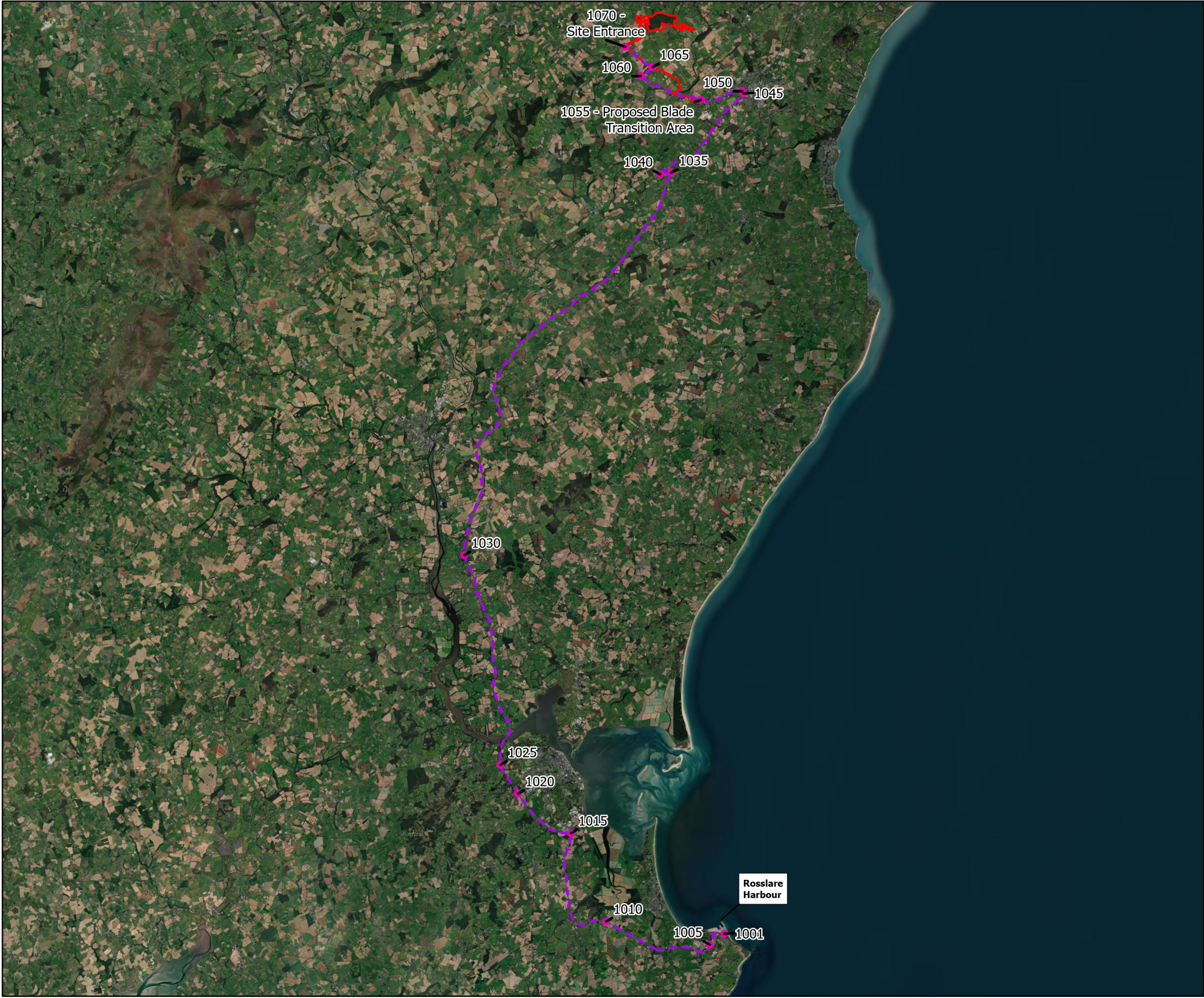


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## APPENDIX 5

Turbine Delivery Route





- Legend**
- Site Boundary
  - Turbine Delivery Route
  - Turbine Delivery Route Node Locations

|            |            |                        |    |
|------------|------------|------------------------|----|
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| PROJECT:   |            | Kilmichael Windfarm    |    |
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