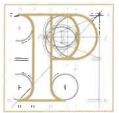
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Your Reference: Manogate Limited



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Date: 12 November 2025

Re: Design Flexibility Request for the proposed development of a Grid Connection

at Ballyfasy Wind Farm, between the villages of Listerlin, Mullinavat, Glenmore, and Slieverue,

County Kilkenny

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned proposed development.

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission has formed an opinion on design flexibility.

A copy of the opinion is enclosed.

Please note that the Commission's opinion on design flexibility will not be available for public inspection until an application is made to it under section 37E of the Act. Information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Coimisiún Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, is also enclosed.

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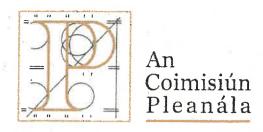
Yours faithfully,

Honor Caird Marren
Executive Officer

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An Coimisiún Pleanála Opinion on Flexibility

1) Request for meeting	
Request under section	Request for Design Flexibility in relation to a
182F of the Act:	proposed development of a grid connection at
	Ballyfasy Wind Farm.
Request reference Number:	ABP 322293-25
Name of the requestor/	Manogate Limited
prospective applicant:	
Location, townland or	Between the villages of Listerlin, Mullinavat,
postal address of the land	Glenmore, and Slieverue, County Kilkenny.
or structure to which the	
application relates (as may	
be appropriate):	
Nature and extent of the	Proposed development of a grid connection
proposed development:	located at Ballyfasy Wind Farm.
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Date of receipt of the	10th April, 2025
request:	
Opinion Reference	ABP 322293-25
Number:	
Date of Opinion:	6 th November, 2025

2) Was the following Information included where relevant, with the Flexibility Meeting Request under section 182F of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Information	Enclosed with Request				
(a) A site location map sufficient to identify the land	Yes: [X]	No: []			
on which the proposed development would be					
situated.					
(b) A brief description of the nature and purpose of	Yes: [X]	No: []			
the proposed development and of its possible effects	2				
on the environment.					
(c) A draft layout plan of the proposed development.	Yes: [X]	No: []			
(d) A description of the details, or groups of details,	Yes: [X]	No: []			
of the proposed development that, owing to the					
circumstances set out in (e) below, are unlikely to be					
confirmed at the time of the proposed application.	· · · · · · ·	, td.			
(e) A description of the circumstances relating to the	Yes: [X]	No: []			
proposed development that indicate that it is	20 -	=	-		
appropriate that the proposed application be made					
and decided, before the prospective applicant has			- 1		
confirmed the details referred to in (d) above.		ja :			
(f) An undertaking to provide with the proposed	Yes: [X]	No: []			
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i. two or more options, in respect of each detail					
or group of details referred to in (d) above					
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the proposed application may be made and					
decided,					
ii. parameters within which each detail referred					
to in paragraph (d) above will fall and on the	= -				
basis of which the proposed application may					
be made and decided, or					

iii. a combination of (i) and (ii).				
(g) Such other information, drawings or	Yes: [X]	No: []	N/A:
representations as the prospective applicant may wish to provide or make available.				[]
(h) The appropriate fee.	Yes: []	No: []	N/A:
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At a meeting held on 5th November, 2025 the Commission considered the report of the Inspector, the documents submitted as part of the pre-application consultation under section 182F of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended on design flexibility.

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

3) Opinion of the Commission under section 182G of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Information	Details/ Circumstances			
a) The details, or groups of details, of	Grid Connection Routes:			
the proposed development that may be	 Approximately 12km long 110 kV 			
confirmed after the proposed	cable grid connection to the			
application has been made and	consented Castlebanny Wind Farm			
decided.	Substation			
	 Approximately 4km (2 circuits x 2km) 			
	of 110kV underground cable and			
, · · · · · · · · · · ·	associated infrastructure to loop into			
	existing Great Island – Kilkenny 110kV			
n 1 g	line.			
	Grid Connection Type:			
	110kV Underground Cable Grid			
	Connection			
	110kV Loop-in Cable Grid Connection			

b) The circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in paragraph (a) above.

Recognition of the need for alternate options in relation to project infrastructure within the context of specified parameters and options, whose potential impacts will be set out and fully assessed within any future application documentation.

For each detail, or groups of details, referred to in paragraph 3(a) above, the proposed application shall, in addition to any other requirement imposed by or under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, be accompanied by the information referred to in the undertaking submitted with the flexibility meeting request under section, 182F(2)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The proposed application must be consistent with the opinion provided in accordance with section 182G of the Act.

Patricia Calleary

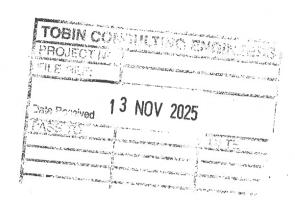
Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this (day of November 2025

Our Case Number: ABP-321814-25
Your Reference: Managate Limited



Tobin
Block 10-4
Blanchardstown Corporate Park
Dublin
Dublin 15



Date: 12 November 2025

Re: Proposed Development of Grid Connection

at Ballyfasy Wind Farm, between the villages of Listerlin, Mullinavat, Glenmore, and Slieverue,

County Kilkenny

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Commission has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála under section 182A(1) of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Commission considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

The following is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

- 1. Department of Housing and Local Government and Heritage
- Minister of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- 3. Kilkenny County Council
- 4. Southern Regional Assembly
- 5. Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority
- 6. An Chomhairle Ealaion (Arts Council)
- 7. The Heritage Council
- 8. Failte Ireland
- 9. An Taisce
- 10. Irish Water
- 11. Inland Fisheries Ireland
- 12. Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine
- 13. Health Service Executive (National Business Service Unit, National Environmental Health Service, HSE, 2nd Floor Oak House, Millennium Park, Naas, Co Kildare, W91 KDC2)

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64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 D01 V902 14. The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU)

15. ESB

16. EirGrid

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The following contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Coimisiún Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Judicial review of An Coimisiún Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Commission decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Commission.

The validity of a decision taken by the Commission may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Commission. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website, www.citizensinformation.ie.

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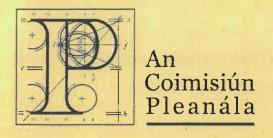
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Yours faithfully,

Honor Caird Marren Executive Officer

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Direction CD-021185-25 ABP-321814-25

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 05/11/2025.

The Commission decided, as set out in the following Order as set out below:

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 06/11/2025

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

The Commission decided that the proposed development the proposed development comprising 2 no. 110kV grid connections (Grid Connection Options 1 & 2) on lands at Ballyfasy Wind Farm, between the villages of Listerlin, Mullinavat, Glenmore, and Slieverue, County Kilkenny, as set out in the plans and particulars received by An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 29th January 2025, 24th February 2025, and 26th May 2025, falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and that a planning application should therefore be made directly to the Commission.

The Commission recommend the application documents should be forwarded the list of **Prescribed Bodies** below for their consultation and consideration

- Department of Housing and Local Government and Heritage
- Minister of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Kilkenny County Council
- Southern Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority
- An Chomhairle Ealaion (Arts Council)
- The Heritage Council
- Failte Ireland
- An Taisce
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine
- HSE, National Environmental Health Service
- The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU)
- ESB
- EirGrid

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

Our Case Number: ABP-322292-25

Your Reference: Manogate Limited



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Tobin Consulting Engineers Block 10-4 Blanchardstown Corporate Park D15 X98N

Date: 12 November 2025

Re: Design Flexibility Request for the proposed wind farm of 10 wind turbines with MEC of approx. 72MW including on-site 110kV electrical substation.

PROJECTIV

Date Received

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Ballyfasy Wind Farm, in the townlands of Ballinlammy, Ballyfasy Upper, Ballymartin, Ballynoony East, Ballyquin, Ballywairy, Bishopsmountain, Darbystown and Knockbrack, County Kilkenny.

Dear Sir / Madam.

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned proposed development.

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Commission has formed an opinion on design flexibility. A copy of the opinion is enclosed.

Please note that the Commission's opinion on design flexibility will not be available for public inspection until an application is made to it under section 37E of the Act. Information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Coimisiún Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, is also enclosed.

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Yours faithfully,

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An Coimisiún Pleanála Opinion on Flexibility

1) Request for meeting	
Request under section	Request for Design Flexibility in relation to the
37CC of the Act:	proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm.
Request reference Number:	ABP-322292-25
Name of the requestor/	Manogate Limited
prospective applicant:	
Location, townland or	Ballinlammy, Ballyfasy Upper, Ballymartin, Ballynoony
postal address of the land	East, Ballyquin, Ballywairy, Bishopsmountain,
or structure to which the	Darbystown and Knockbrack, County Kilkenny.
application relates (as may	2 -
be appropriate):	
Nature and extent of the	10 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of
proposed development:	between 169m-180m, with an estimated export
	capacity in the range of 57 MW to 72 MW and including
distribution of the second	an 110kV electrical substation.
Date of receipt of the	10 th April 2025
request:	
Opinion Reference	ABP-322292-25
Number:	
Date of Opinion:	6 th November 2025

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

Information	Enclosed with Request
(a) A site location map sufficient to identify the land	Yes: [X] No: []
on which the proposed development would be	
situated.	
(b) A brief description of the nature and purpose of	Yes: [X] No: []
the proposed development and of its possible effects	
on the environment.	
(c) A draft layout plan of the proposed development.	Yes: [X] No: []
(d) A description of the details, or groups of details,	Yes: [X] No: []
of the proposed development that, owing to the	
circumstances set out in (e) below, are unlikely to be	.7
confirmed at the time of the proposed application.	Mark for 1
(e) A description of the circumstances relating to the	Yes: [X] No: []
proposed development that indicate that it is	
appropriate that the proposed application be made	
and decided, before the prospective applicant has	
confirmed the details referred to in (d) above.	No. C.V.T. No. C. 1
(f) An undertaking to provide with the proposed	Yes: [X] No: []
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or group of details referred to in (d) above	
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decided, ii. parameters within which each detail referred	
to in paragraph (d) above will fall and on the	
basis of which the proposed application may	
be made and decided, or	
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iii. a combination of (i) and (ii).	·			
(g) Such other information, drawings or	Yes: []	No: []	N/A: [X]
representations as the prospective applicant may				
wish to provide or make available.				
(h) The appropriate fee.	Yes: []	No: []	N/A: [X]

At a meeting held on 5th November 2025 the Commission considered the report of the Inspector, the documents submitted as part of the pre-application consultation under section 37CC of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended on design flexibility.

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

3) Opinion of the Commission under section 37CD of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

Regulations 2001, as amended.				
Information	on	Details/ Circumstances		
a) The details, or groups	of details, of	1. Turbine Dimensions		
the proposed development that may be confirmed after the proposed application has been made and		a) Turbine Tip Height		
		b) Rotor Diameter		
decided.	2	c) Hub height		
w	- 5	Following legal advice on the matter, as		
		consideration of electricity infrastructure		
		flexibility is specifically provided for in s.182F,		
·		it is considered that it cannot be addressed		
		within the provisions of s.37CC. Therefore,		
		the consideration of flexibility in relation to		
		substation layout cannot be addressed in this		
	·	section 37CC request.		
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	It is considered that alterations to the substation layout may be provided for in other sections of the Act, as amended.
b) The circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in paragraph (a) above.	 i. To avail of ongoing advances in technology; ii. To facilitate the procurement process; iii. To ensure against the potential obsolescence of existing technology.

For each detail, or groups of details, referred to in paragraph 3(a) above, the proposed application shall, in addition to any other requirement imposed by or under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, be accompanied by the information referred to in the undertaking submitted with the flexibility meeting request under section, 37CC(2)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

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

Patricia Calleary

Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate the seal of the Commission.

Dated this // day of November 2025

Our Case Number: ABP-320900-24

Your Reference: Manogate Limited



Tobin
Block 10-4
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Dublin 15

TOBIN CONTINUE PROJECT NO. PRO

Date: 12 November 2025

Re: Proposed wind farm of 10 wind turbines with MEC of approx. 72MW including on-site 110kV

electrical substation.

Ballyfasy Wind Farm, in the townlands of Ballinlammy, Ballyfasy Upper, Ballymartin, Ballynoony East, Ballyquin, Ballywairy, Bishopsmountain, Darbystown and Knockbrack, County Kilkenny.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Commission hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Commission has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Commission considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

- 1. Department of Housing and Local Government and Heritage
- 2. Minister of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- 3. Kilkenny County Council
- 4. Southern Regional Assembly
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- 7. The Heritage Council
- 8. Failte Ireland
- 9. An Taisce
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- 12. Irish Aviation Authority
- 13. Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine

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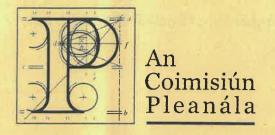
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Yours faithfully,

Honor Caird Marren
Executive Officer

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Direction CD-021182-25 ABP-320900-24

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 05/11/2025.

The Commission decided, as set out in the following Order as set out below:

Planning

Commissioner:

Date: 06/11/2025

Patricia Calleary

DRAFT WORDING FOR ORDER

The Commission decided that the proposed development **would** exceed the threshold set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and therefore satisfies Section 37A(1) of the Act. It can also be concluded that the development **is** of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a) and Section 37A(2)(b) of the Act.

I recommend that the Commission serve a notice on the prospective applicant, pursuant to Section 37(B)(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, stating that it is of the opinion that the proposed development **constitutes**

a strategic infrastructure development within the meaning of Section 37A of the Act for the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed wind farm and related development, and to the policy context, it is considered that the proposed development comprising the development of a wind farm of 10 wind turbines with MEC (Maximum Export Capacity) of approx. 72MW including on-site 110kV electrical substation on a site in the townlands of Ballinlammy, Ballyfasy Upper, Ballymartin, Ballynoony East, Ballyquin, Ballywairy, Bishopsmountain, Darbystown and Knockbrack, County Kilkenny, constitutes development that falls within the definition of energy infrastructure in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, thereby satisfying the requirements set out in Section 37A(1) of the Act.

The proposed development is also considered to be of strategic importance by reference to the requirements of Section 37A(2)(a), and 37A(2)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

An application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Coimisiun Pleanála under Section 37E of the Act.

The Commission recommend the application documents should be forwarded the list of Prescribed Bodies below for their consultation and consideration

- Department of Housing and Local Government and Heritage
- Minister of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Kilkenny County Council
- Southern Regional Assembly
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland/ National Transport Authority
- An Chomhairle Ealaion (Arts Council)
- The Heritage Council

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- Failte Ireland
- An Taisce
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine
- HSE, National Environmental Health Service
- The Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU)
- ESB
- EirGrid