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**Our Ref:** 11474

15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Your Ref:** 321814-25 (SID Determination)  
322293-25 (Design Flexibility Opinion)

The Secretary  
An Coimisiún Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1,  
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## RE: Strategic Infrastructure Development: Proposed 110kV Grid Connection Options for Ballyfasy Wind Farm, Ballyfasy, Co. Kilkenny.

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of our client Manogate Ltd. (hereafter referred to as the Applicant), please find enclosed a planning application for approval for development at this site comprising proposed grid connection options (GCO) One and Two to connect to the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm, in Co. Kilkenny. GCO One spans across the townlands of Ballymartin, Bishopsmountain, Smithstown, Ballymackillagill, Glenpipe, Mullennakill, Coolnahau, Cappagh and Castlebanny, Co. Kilkenny. GCO Two will be located across the townlands of Ballymartin, Ballyfasy Upper and Ballywairy, Co Kilkenny, within the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm site (not part of this application).

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. This position was confirmed by An Coimisiún Pleanála to the applicant on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 following pre-applications consultations with the Commission (Case Number – ABP-321814-25), a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with the application form.

Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in this planning application and an opinion on unconfirmed details from the Commission (Case Reference: ACP-322293-25) pursuant to section 182G of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) accompanies this planning application. The details unconfirmed in this application relate to the proposed grid connection type and route and are specified on the site notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

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As described in the statutory notices, the proposed development seeks approval for one of the following Grid Connection Options (GCOs):

- **GCO One:** Grid connection to the consented Castlebanny Wind Farm substation:
  - Circa 12 km long 110 kV underground cable grid connection to the consented Castlebanny Wind Farm (ACP Ref. PA10.309306) substation consisting of 6 No. ducts in an excavated trench to accommodate 3 No. power cables, 1 No. fibre communications cable , 1 No. spare fibre communications cable and 1 No. earth continuity duct where required, Joint Bays, Communications Chambers, and Earthing Link Boxes.
  - 1 No. Temporary Construction Compound.
  - 1 No. Temporary Spoil Deposition Area.
  - All related site work, horizontal directional drilling under watercourses and bridges, road and grid crossings, drainage and ancillary works.
- **GCO Two:** Proposed loop-in grid connection to existing Great Island-Kilkenny 110 kV overhead line:
  - Decommissioning of a portion of an existing 110 kV overhead line and pole set on the Great Island-Kilkenny overhead line.
  - 2 No. New 110 kV Overhead Line Cable Interface towers.
  - Two 110 kV underground cable circuits, comprising approximately 4.6 km of cabling (two circuits of 2.3 km each), will be installed from the line-cable interface mast to the proposed Ballyfasy 110 kV substation (not part of this application). Each Circuit will consist of: • 6 No. ducts in an excavated trench to accommodate 3 No. power cables, 1 No. fibre communications cable , 1 No. spare fibre communications cable and 1 No. earth continuity duct where required, Joint Bays, Communications Chambers, and Earthing Link Boxes.
  - An access road will be provided to facilitate permanent access to the underground cable route between the line - cable interface mast and the proposed onsite 110kV Ballyfasy substation.
  - All related site work, horizontal directional drilling under 1 no. watercourse, drainage and ancillary works.

A separate Strategic Infrastructure Development planning application for the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm development has been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This application, and the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm application are functionally interdependent and constitute a single project. The proposed wind farm development comprises the erection of 10 no. wind turbines, the construction of 1 no. permanent on site 110 kV electrical substation, new internal site access roads, the erection of 1 no permanent 100 m tall meteorological mast and other associated works. The proposed wind farm and related works are located within the townlands of Ballywairy, Bishopsmountain, Knockbrack, Ballymartin, and Ballyfasy Upper, Co. Kilkenny.

A 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the wind farm is being sought for all works (other than temporary and permanent works specified above), and the subsequent decommissioning. The proposed onsite substation and grid connection will remain permanent infrastructure and form part of the Irish national grid network.

Both applications are accompanied by one Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS), which pertain to the overall project.

A detailed description of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed public notices, and a complete description is set out in the application documents.

The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website: [www.ballyfasygridplanning.ie](http://www.ballyfasygridplanning.ie)



## Supporting Documentation

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
  - Planning Application Form
    - Addendum 1: Schedule of Drawings
    - Addendum 2: Landowner Letters of Consent and Statutory Undertaker Letter
    - Addendum 3: Details of consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála including SID Determination and Opinion on Unconfirmed Details
    - Addendum 4: List of prescribed bodies notified, and a copy of letters sent
    - Addendum 5: EIA Portal Confirmation
    - Addendum 6: Confirmation of payment of SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00
  - Site Notice
  - Newspaper Notice
  - Planning Cover Letter to Kilkenny County Council
- Planning Application Drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
  - Volume 1- EIAR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
  - Volume 2- EIAR Main Body
  - Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
  - Volume 4- Photomontages
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- Planning Statement

All elements of the proposed development, including the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm (which is part of a separate planning application) which form part of the overall project but are not part of the current planning have been considered and are assessed as part of the EIAR and NIS.

Please find 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies (USBs) of the planning application pack enclosed with this letter. Kilkenny County Council has also received 2 no. hard copies and 2 no. electronic copy (USB).

All prescribed bodies as identified are being provided with application documentation in a digital format via the website link and cover letter.

I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to your decision in due course.

Yours sincerely



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