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Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended  
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála  
Strategic Infrastructure Development  
Kilkenny County Council

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Manogate Ltd., intend to apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála 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). 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 this site notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

- The proposed development will consist of 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.

The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS, may be inspected, free of charge or purchased for a specific fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks plus an additional statutory holiday period of 9 days commencing on 19th December 2025 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, 9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday**
- The Offices of Kilkenny County Council, John Street, Kilkenny R95 A39T**

The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS may also be viewed on the following website: [www.ballyfasygridplanning.ie](http://www.ballyfasygridplanning.ie) Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (The Commission), at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 in writing or online on the Commission's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) during the aforementioned period of 7 weeks plus an additional statutory holiday period of 9 days relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out; and (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission not **later than 5.30pm on the 16th February 2026** and must include the following information; (i) The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the board.

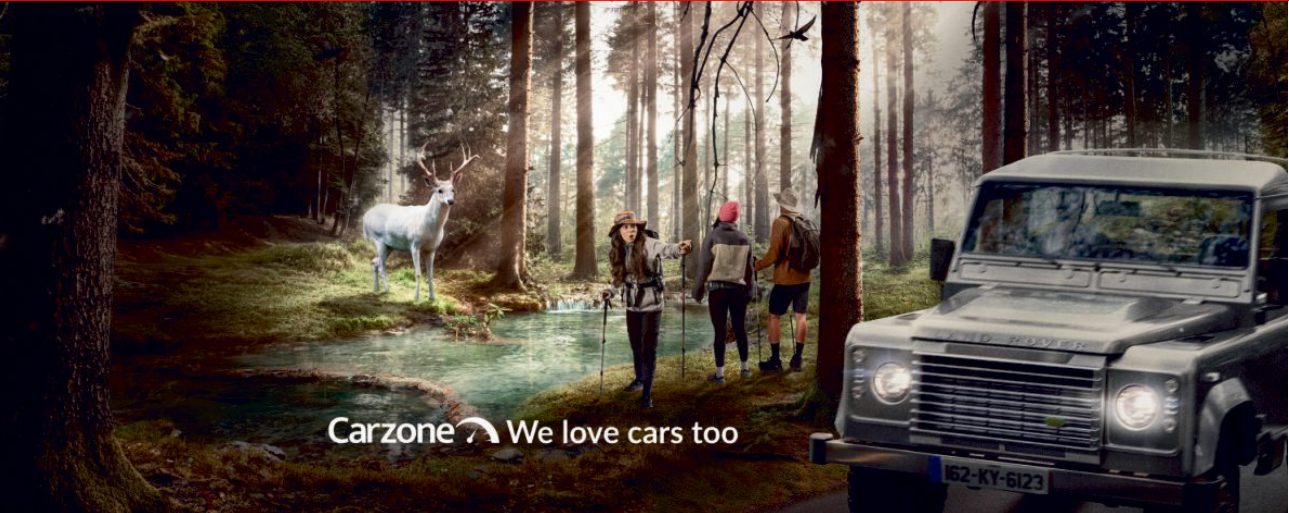
The Commission may in respect of an application for permission decide to – (a); (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), or (b) refuse to grant permission. The decision to hold an oral hearing on this planning application is at the absolute discretion of An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of the Commission (telephone no. 01-8588100). Any person may question the validity of any such decision of the commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading "Information on cases / Weekly lists" – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Commission's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).


KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL: Significant Further Information / Revised Plans. Drumdowney Solar Farm Limited have submitted Significant Further Information / Revised Plans relating to Kilkenny County Council Planning Reference 25/60391. The development applied for consisted of a 10 year permission for a solar farm with a total area of circa 189 hectares in the townlands of Atateemore or Blackneys, Ballyhobuck, Ballyrahan, Carriganurra, Charlestown, Davidstown, Drumdowney Lower, Drumdowney Upper, Gorteens, Grogan, Kilmurry, Nicholastown, Rathpatrick, Scartnamoe, Tinvaucosh and Treanaree in County Kilkenny. The solar farm will consist of solar panels on ground mounted frames, 27 no. single storey electrical inverter/transformer stations, 5 no. single storey spare parts containers, 3 no. Ring Main Units, 5 no. weather stations, underground electrical ducting and cabling within the development site, private lands and within the L3429, L7523, L7563, L7469, L3407, L3414, L34144, L7466, L3406, L7483, L3415, N25 and N29 public roads to connect solar farm field parcels, security fencing, CCTV, access tracks, 7 no. watercourse/drain deck crossings and 4 no. horizontal directional drill crossings (under the N25 and N29 public roads and the Luffany River), temporary construction compounds, landscaping and all associated ancillary development and drainage works. Construction and operational access will be via 7 no. existing entrances from the L3429, L7469, L7466, L4783 and L34142 which will be subject to entrance upgrade works. Separate construction phase access options are proposed for Parcel 4 via Port of Waterford and the L4783. The operational lifespan of the solar farm will be 40 years and planning permission is requested for this duration. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared and will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application. The NIS includes an assessment of the grid connection for the solar farm project comprising a 110kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) electricity substation and associated loop-in / loop out infrastructure to connect into an existing 110kV overhead transmission line at Rathpatrick (townland), County Kilkenny. The Significant Further Information / Revised Plans consists of: Revised site layout and landscape mitigation plans including the removal of 3 no. southern fields from Parcel 4 of the proposed solar farm. Updated or revised reports include an Archaeological, Architectural and Heritage Impact Assessment; Ecological Impact Assessment and Natura Impact Statement; updated photomontages as part of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment; and other related technical updates. The Significant Further Information / Revised Plans are available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority during public opening hours of the Planning Department. A submission or observation in relation to the revised plans may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee within five weeks after receipt of the newspaper and site notices by the Planning Authority (this fee is not applicable to persons who made original observations/submissions).

Louth County Council: Gealach Energy Ltd intend to apply for a 10 Year Planning Permission for a Battery Energy Storage System and underground cabling grid connection to the existing Drybridge 110kV substation in the townlands of Mell and Tullyallen, Drogheda, Co Louth. The proposed development will comprise of 96 no. containerised energy storage modules, 8 no. twin skid inverters, 6 no. auxiliary transformers, 2 no. space parts containers, security fencing, landscaping, drainage and all associated ancillary development works and apparatus necessary to facilitate the proposed development. Planning permission is sought for 1 no. 38kV substation and associated electrical compound, including single storey control building, line bay, transformer and accompanying apparatus, and associated grid connection between the proposed substation and Drybridge 110kV substation comprising 38kV underground electricity cabling of c.1.3km in length to be provided in an excavated trench on private lands and the L63324, R168, N51 and L2322 public roads, and all associated site development and reinstatement works. Construction and operation access to the Battery Energy Storage System facility will be via the L63324, off the R168 road. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared and will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application. The NIS will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Tipperary County Council: Further Information/Revised Plans has been submitted by Arkil (Fantane) Ltd. for development at Gurteen and Garrane, Templederry, Nenagh, Co.Tipperary in relation to planning reference number 25146. That significant further information/revised plans in relation to the application have been furnished to the Planning Authority, and are available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Authority during public opening hours, and A submission or observation in relation to the significant further information/revised plans may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the newspaper and site notices by the planning authority.




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