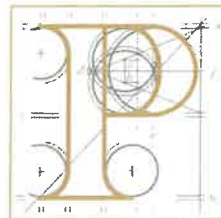


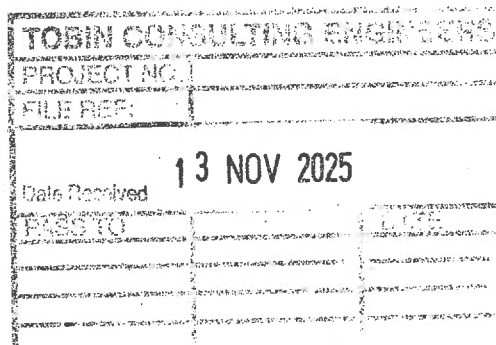
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**Your Reference:** Manogate Limited



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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.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

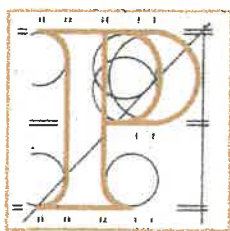
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### An Coimisiún Pleanála Opinion on Flexibility

<b>1) Request for meeting</b>	
<b>Request under section 182F of the Act:</b>	Request for Design Flexibility in relation to a proposed development of a grid connection at Ballyfasy Wind Farm.
<b>Request reference Number:</b>	ABP 322293-25
<b>Name of the requestor/ prospective applicant:</b>	Manogate Limited
<b>Location, townland or postal address of the land or structure to which the application relates (as may be appropriate):</b>	Between the villages of Listerlin, Mullinavat, Glenmore, and Slieverue, County Kilkenny.
<b>Nature and extent of the proposed development:</b>	Proposed development of a grid connection located at Ballyfasy Wind Farm.
<b>Date of receipt of the request:</b>	10th April, 2025
<b>Opinion Reference Number:</b>	ABP 322293-25
<b>Date of Opinion:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> 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 on which the proposed development would be situated.	Yes: [ X ]	No: [   ]	
(b) A brief description of the nature and purpose of the proposed development and of its possible effects on the environment.	Yes: [ X ]	No: [   ]	
(c) A draft layout plan of the proposed development.	Yes: [ X ]	No: [   ]	
(d) A description of the details, or groups of details, 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.	Yes: [ X ]	No: [   ]	
(e) A description of 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 (d) above.	Yes: [ X ]	No: [   ]	
(f) An undertaking to provide with the proposed application, either - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. two or more options, in respect of each detail or group of details referred to in (d) above containing information on the basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided,</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	Yes: [ X ]	No: [   ]	

iii. a combination of (i) and (ii).			
(g) Such other information, drawings or representations as the prospective applicant may wish to provide or make available.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A: <input type="checkbox"/>
(h) The appropriate fee.	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

At a meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 the proposed development that may be confirmed after the proposed application has been made and decided.	<p>Grid Connection Routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 12km long 110 kV cable grid connection to the consented Castlebanny Wind Farm Substation</li> <li>• Approximately 4km (2 circuits x 2km) of 110kV underground cable and associated infrastructure to loop into existing Great Island – Kilkenny 110kV line.</li> </ul> <p>Grid Connection Type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110kV Underground Cable Grid Connection</li> <li>• 110kV Loop-in Cable Grid Connection</li> </ul>

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.
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**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025**