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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR
CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROADS ACT 1993

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 of Clare County Council's intention to close the road detailed here under for the period stated to facilitate a meter replacement on a water main.

Road to be closed:
L-7076 Blackwater Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare.

Date and time of closure:
20th April 2026 to 24th April 2026 (24hr Closure).

Alternative routes / diversions;

- Travelling to R463 Killaloe divert via R465 and R463.
- Travelling from R463 Killaloe divert via R463 and R465.

A diversion route map is available on our website www.clarecoco.ie

Observations / representations may be made by email to roads@clarecoco.ie or in writing before **4:00 p.m. on 3rd April 2026** to: The Administrative Officer, Clare County Council, Roads and Transportation Department, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.



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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 of Clare County Council's intention to close the road detailed hereunder for the period stated to carry out silt trenches along the road to determine the location and nature of existing services.

Road to be closed:
Road on a section of L3148 Manusmore, L3148 Ballyonnavau & L3148 Carrowmeear

Date and time of closure:
20th April 2026 to 12th June 2026 between 08:00 and 19:00 daily. The road will be closed to through traffic in a phased manner. Local access will be maintained via alternative routes. We will endeavour to maintain access to properties at all times.

A phasing map, which outlines the affected work areas and the anticipated timing for each phase is available on our website www.clarecoco.ie

Alternative routes/diversions;

The diversion from Clarecastle to Quin avoiding the L3148 is via Ennis. Travel from Clarecastle toward Ennis on the R458, then join the M18 northbound. Exit the motorway at Junction 13 (Ennis/Tulla) and take the R469 (Quin Road) directly to Quin.

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LEAGUE OF IRELAND WOMEN'S SOCCER

'Soccer puts a smile on my face' - Jones

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"You don't realise it at first until at a game young girls might come up to you with something they've drawn for you or a sign of support they've made for you. When you realise that these fans know your name and are supporting you it makes the trainings and hard evenings or days you doubted yourself feel worth it. All these youngsters are looking up to us, it just makes it worth it."

After Galway's 1-0 opening day win over DLR Waves on Saturday Amy is confident about how this season can be a special one for Galway

"We know this year is going to be really tough, unlike previous seasons I feel that every team is going to be competing for the title, every match will be a hard game. But there's such a good buzz around the team in Galway, we really do feel like we are going to do something special this year."

Aoibhinn Donnelly is has played with Cork City FC and Galway United over the past few seasons. The Clarecastle native has also been a major part of the successful Ennis RFC ALL side this past Winter, but it's soccer that holds her focus from here on as the new season has gotten underway. They want to perform to their best and are looking for that elusive league title.

"In terms of pressure in the game, the only real pressure we have is the pressure we put on ourselves. We know we have the ability to get to that top spot this season, but we need to take it game by game. We know what to do within the game and if we can do the right thing on the field we will get the results and that will in turn lift any pressure we feel off as the season goes. This last week in the lead up to our game last Saturday there was a real energy in the group. I wouldn't say it was nerves, it was excitement. Once the league starts you get that focus, you know what your job is and what you're expected to do."

The rise in the leagues popularity over



Galway United's Aislinn Meaney.

Photograph by Ben McShane/Sportsfile

the last few seasons has really hit home for Aoibhinn when she hears of games being live on TV in local pubs and homes around the country.

"With TG4 coming in it was huge for getting us in the mainstream media and I heard from people that it was on in pubs and was sent pictures of us on the TV in a pub from people who up to then never would have seen or watched a league game in their life. So people are seeing it even if its just flicking through the television or catching it at the pub of an evening. So that exposure has been huge for the league."

Barefield's Aislinn Meaney is cur-

rently recovering from an injury but she's excited for this season in the LOIW & itching to get back to play.

"The league and in particular Galway is a place where I can improve, what Phil (Trill, Galway Manager) is doing and what he's looking to improve on each year make it a place where you can get better and be seen as a player. In the league we're always seeing a steady increase in standards each year and now the league is drawing plenty of attention from players from abroad. Players are seeing the LOIW as a place to come and improve their game."

As one of four Clare players at the club

Aislinn hopes to see more Clare faces join them in Galway United.

"It's really great and I hope it continues to attract Clare talent. I think it goes back to the culture at the club. People find a home here at the club and they want to build a life around the team. It's something we want to promote within the team. It is of course nice to have our own Clare girls there as well, it shows the talent in the county and its good to have a showcase for that talent."

Manager at Dublin's Peamount United, former Avenue United stalwart Gary Seery rounds out our Clare based LOIW group. For Gary he sees his role

very much as a facilitator for the players, to improve them and get them ready for any further step up that may come their way in the game.

"We've a very low budget compared to other clubs, but we offer care and stability to players and we offer them good football. We as a staff are there to help the players to excel at the game. The younger players today are far more technically advanced than more established players were at their age. We see that they take on the instruction well, so working with young players is not as big a problem for us as before."

For Gary and his coaching team they're looking to start the league well and their 2-2 draw with Bohemian FC on Saturday last will have been a welcome beginning for his young side.

"We want to get points on the board early on and start on a good footing and then develop from there. I want to ensure every player gets an opportunity to play and show their ability. Success for me across this season is seeing as many of our players getting a chance to move on to professional contracts and maybe getting an international call up."

We'll leave the final words on the LOIW to the league's newest and longest serving Clare stars. For Kate Jones as one of the younger talents, the game and the league is an outlet and while she's busy with her schoolwork off the field, she loves the game and the outlet it offers.

"I spend any spare minute I get trying to do some bit of study to keep on top of things for school. Soccer is what I love doing so it's worth that effort of the late nights and early mornings because soccer puts a smile on my face"

At the other end of the experience spectrum Lynsey McKey holds that same love of the game 15+ years on, even as she battles with thoughts of retiring..

"I love football, ever since I was a small child. My life has really revolved around football, so I don't want to walk away just yet, because what will I do then?"

The Clare Champion

DEADLINES

FOR ANNIVERSARIES

FOR NEXT WEEK'S PAPER MARCH 27TH

IS MONDAY MARCH 23RD AT 5PM

FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FOR NEXT WEEK'S PAPER MARCH 27TH

IS FRIDAY MARCH 20TH AT 12 NOON

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development - County Clare.

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Cahermurphy Renewables Designated Activity Company gives notices of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for a proposed development in the townlands of Cahermurphy, Carrowmagry South, Castlepark, Caheraghacullin, Doolough, Drummin, Kilmihil, Knockalough, Knocknahila More South, Co. Clare.

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413) and the planning application is subject to a completeness check under section 37JA of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by the European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025.

The proposed development will comprise:

- Construction of 8 no. wind turbines with a blade tip height range from 180m to 185m inclusive, a hub height range from 98.5m to 110.5m inclusive and a rotor diameter range from 149m to 163m inclusive with associated foundations, hard-standing and assembly areas;
- Construction of 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 2 no. control buildings lightning protection, welfare facilities, car parking, and all associated electrical plant and apparatus, security fencing, external lighting, underground cabling, wastewater holding tank and all associated infrastructure, apparatus and landscaping;
- Underground electrical cabling (33kV) and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed on-site 110kV electrical substation and associated ancillary works;
- Erection of 1 no. Meteorological Mast of 100m metres above existing ground level for the measuring of meteorological conditions, including a lightning rod which will extend above the mast;
- Construction of new permanent access roads and upgrade of existing roads to provide access within the site and to connect the wind turbines and associated infrastructure;
- Upgrade of 1 no. new existing agricultural/forestry access to the site, off the L6254 local road, to serve as the sole entrance to the wind farm during its operational phase and to facilitate the delivery of the construction materials and turbine components to site during the construction and operational phases (including the installation of security fencing and gates);
- Development of 2 no. borrow pits;
- Construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including temporary site offices, staff facilities and car-parking areas, all to be removed at end of construction phase;
- Temporary works at 6 no. locations along the N68 national road, R484 regional road and L-2074, L-2082 and L-2048 local roads associated with the facilitation of turbine component and abnormal load delivery to site. These works will primarily include the trimming of vegetation and strengthening of road verges;
- Permanent and temporary Site Drainage;
- Operational Stage Site Signage;
- Ancillary forestry felling over an area of 21.87ha to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;
- Biodiversity enhancement measures including the permanent removal of commercial forestry (deforestation) over an area of 56.3ha and restoration of farmland habitat to good quality hen harrier foraging habitat through diversifying the range and extent of habitats over an area of 67.4ha, and;
- All related site works and ancillary development including landscaping considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

A ten-year permission and a thirty five-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought and the subsequent decommissioning.

A separate, concurrent planning application for underground electrical cabling (110kV) which will connect the wind farm to the existing Moneypoint 110kV electrical substation is also being lodged to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this application.

The EIAR and NIS assess both the full extent of the proposed development as described above in i-xiv., as well as integral elements of the wider project infrastructure including underground electrical cabling (110kV) from the proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development to the existing Moneypoint 110kV electrical substation; joint bays including communication chambers and earth sheath links along the proposed underground electrical cabling route; permanent and temporary Site Drainage; reinstatement of land, road and track surface above the proposed cabling trench and all related site works and ancillary development located in the townlands of Cahermurphy, Cloonwhite South, Sheeuan, Leitrim, Cloonreddan, Kilmacduane East, Cloonacullin, Lissanair, Teernagloghane, Brisla East, Brisla West, Gowerhass, Tullagower, Garraunatooha, Knockery West, Carrowfree, Derryrough, Dunneill, Doonagurroge, Pouladarree, Carrowdotia South, Carrowdotia North Co. Clare, all of which are essential infrastructure associated with the operation of the proposed development and which, as referenced above, are subject to a separate, concurrent planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

A design flexibility opinion issued by An Coimisiún Pleanála (Opinion Ref. No.ACP-323567) on the 9th February 2026 accompanies this application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, hub height and rotor diameter. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this notice in item i. above and further detailed in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 31st March 2026 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday).
- The Offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2 (9:00am- 5:00pm Monday- Friday).

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.cahermurphywestplanning.ie

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission") in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 19th May 2026 and must include the following information:

- 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,
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission. The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie). The Commission may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to –

- grant the permission, or
- 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
- grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

(b) Refuse to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A 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 Rule 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 on the Commissions website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices - Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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The proposed development will comprise:

- The provision of c.25km of underground electrical cabling (110kV) from the proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development to the existing Moneypoint 110kV electrical substation to facilitate a connection to the national grid;
- Provision of 36 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the proposed underground electrical cabling route;
- Permanent and temporary Site Drainage;
- Reinstatement of land, road and track surface above the proposed cabling trench;
- All related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

A ten-year planning permission is being sought.

The development subject of this application will facilitate the connection of the proposed 8 no. wind turbine Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development to the national electricity grid. A separate, concurrent planning application for the Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development is also being lodged to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

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