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National Business Service Unit,
National Environmental Health Service,
Health Service Executive,
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W91 KDC2

Our ref: 240843

Your ref: ACP-
324156-26

Date: 17th April 2026

Re: Section 182A Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for Proposed 110kV electrical infrastructure and connection to the National Grid at the existing 110kV Moneypoint substation in the townlands of Cahermurphy, Cloonwhite South, Sheeaun, Leitrim, Cloonreddan, Kilmacduane East, Clooncullin, Lissanair, Teernagloghane, Brisla East, Brisla West, Gowerhass, Tullagower, Garraunnatooha, Knockerry West, Carrowfree, Derrylough, Dunneill, Doonnagurroge, Pouladarree, Carrowdotia South, Carrowdotia North Co. Clare

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the Section 182A Cahermurphy Grid Connection application (ACP-324156-26), for which the Health Service Executive is identified as a prescribed body.

Following notification from An Coimisiún Pleanála that the address of the Health Service Executive to receive such applications has changed, we are issuing a new notification of this application, which was lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála on 23rd March 2026.

Please note that the submission period is seven weeks from the date in this letter, and any submissions by the HSE must be received no later than Friday 5th June 2026. For clarity, the original closing date of Tuesday 19th May referenced in the letter dated 9th April is no longer applicable, as a new seven-week period now applies.

An electronic copy of this application accompanies this correspondence.

A copy of this application is also available at <https://cahermurphywestgridplanning.ie/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Moran

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Our ref: 230843
Your ref:

Date: 20th March 2026

Re: Section 182A Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for Proposed 110kV electrical infrastructure and connection to the National Grid at the existing 110kV Moneypoint substation in the townlands of Cahermurphy, Cloonwhite South, Sheeaun, Leitrim, Cloonreddan, Kilmacduane East, Clooncullin, Lissanair, Teernagloghane, Brisla East, Brisla West, Gowerhass, Tullagower, Garraunnatooha, Knockerry West, Carrowfree, Derrylough, Dunneill, Doonnagurroge, Pouladarree, Carrowdotia South, Carrowdotia North Co. Clare.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Cahermurphy Renewables Designated Activity Company (DAC), please find enclosed a copy of an application for the proposed grid connection which comprises of the provision of c.25km of underground 110kV electrical cabling from the Proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development to the existing Moneypoint 110kV electrical substation to facilitate connection to the national grid and all related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the Proposed Project. You have received a copy of the application as a noted Prescribed Body.

Background

The Application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) as ‘Strategic Infrastructure Development’ (SID) under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (“the Act,”). This position was confirmed by An Coimisiún Pleanála in correspondence dated the 26th of November 2025, following pre-application consultations with the Commission (case reference ACP-315645-23).

The Applicant for the Proposed Project, Cahermurphy Renewables Designated Activity Company., is a joint venture between FuturEnergy Ireland and Mid Clare Renewable Energy (MCRE) Ltd. Further details about the applicant are available in Chapter 1 of the accompanying EIAR.

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.

Proposed Grid Connection

The Proposed Grid Connection, as per the public notices is as follows:

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The proposed development will comprise:

- i. 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 the connection to the national grid;*
- ii. Provision of 36 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the proposed underground electrical cabling route;*
- iii. Permanent and temporary Site Drainage;*
- iv. Reinstatement of land, road and track surface above the proposed cabling trench;*
- v. All related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the Proposed Project.*

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 Coimisiun 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-v., as well as integral elements of the wider project infrastructure for the Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development including the 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; the 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, including a lightning rod; construction of new permanent access roads and upgrade of existing roads; upgrade of 1 no. new existing agricultural access to the site; development of 2 no. borrow pits; construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure; 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; permanent and temporary Site Drainage; operational Stage Site Signage; Biodiversity enhancement measures; and all related site works and ancillary development including landscaping considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development located in the townlands of Cahermurphy, Carrowmagry South, Castlepark, Caheraghacullin, Doolough, Drummin, Kilmihil, Knockalough, Knocknahila More South, 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.

Contents of the Application

The following documents are included in the application pack:

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The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation;
 - Cover Letter,
 - Planning Application Form,
 - Copy of Site Notice, in yellow background, erected on the 20th March 2026,
 - Copy of Newspaper Notice published locally in the Clare Champion, published 19th March 2026 and dated 20th March 2026,
 - Copy of Newspaper Notice, published Nationally in the Irish Examiner, published dated 20th March 2026,
 - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2026037),
 - Planning Report,
 - Letter of consents from relevant landowners – included with the planning application form,
 - Statutory Undertaker Letter, confirming that the Development is to be undertaken by a statutory undertaker having right or interest to provide services in connection with the Development.
- Planning Application Drawings (Including Drawing Schedule).
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR);
 - Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report,
 - Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet,
 - Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices including 2 no. confidential Appendices.
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

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.cahermurphywestgridplanning.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:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (iii) 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 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/approval 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 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.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Clancy

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Enclosed

- 1 x USB copy of Planning Application Pack

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