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## 200804 Lemanaghan Wind Farm - Strategic Infrastructure Development - Prescribed Body Notification

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### **Notification of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application by Lemanaghan Wind Farm Designated Activity Company for a Renewable Energy Development at Lemanaghan and surrounding townlands, Co. Offaly**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to correspondence received on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from consultants on behalf of Lemanaghan Wind Farm Designated Activity Company, requesting comments on the planning application (SID) and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the above development. The Agency makes the below observations.

Bord na Mona Energy Limited, Boora Group, c/o Boora, Leabeg, Tullamore, County Offaly was issued an Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) Licence (Reg No: P0500-01) on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2000 for Class 1.4 of the First Schedule of the EPA Act 1992 *'the extraction of peat in the course of business which involves an area exceeding 50 hectares'*. The planning documentation for the above development states that the IPC licence P0500-01 for the Boora Bog Group encompasses part of the proposed project site.

Documents relating to the IPC licence (Reg P0500-01) and any amendments made to the licence may be viewed on the Agency's website [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie). The licence may need to be reviewed or amended to accommodate the changes proposed in the planning application.

It is noted that the planning application was accompanied by an EIAR. As part of its consideration of any licence review application that may be received which addresses the changes proposed, the Agency shall ensure that before the revised licence is granted, the licence application will be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency and in accordance with Section 83(2A) and Section 87(1G)(a) of the EPA Act. In addition, consultation on the licence application and EIAR will be carried out in accordance with Section 87 (1B) to (1H) of the EPA Act as appropriate. Please also note that you will be requested to provide the documentation relating to the EIA you have carried out to the Agency under Section 173A(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

Should a licence review application be received by the Agency, all matters to do with emissions to the environment from the activities proposed, the licence review application documentation and EIAR will be considered and assessed by the Agency.

Where the Agency is of the opinion that the activities, as proposed, cannot be carried on, or cannot be effectively regulated under a licence then the Agency cannot grant a licence for such an activity. Should the Agency decide to grant a licence in respect of the activity, as proposed, it will

incorporate conditions that will ensure that appropriate National and EU standards are applied, and that Best Available Techniques (BAT) will be used in the carrying on of the activities.

Finally, please note that in accordance with Section 87(1D)(d) of the EPA Act, the Agency cannot issue a Proposed Determination on a licence application which addresses the development above until a planning decision has been made.

For all further queries and correspondence relating to planning matters, please contact [eiaplanning@epa.ie](mailto:eiaplanning@epa.ie).

Yours faithfully,  
Marian Doyle

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**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2026 14:32

**Subject:** 200804 Lemanaghan Wind Farm - Strategic Infrastructure Development - Prescribed Body Notification

**Re: Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended – Notification of a Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a Renewable Energy Development at Lemanaghan and surrounding townlands, Co. Offaly**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Lemanaghan Wind Farm Designated Activity Company (DAC), we wish to notify your organisation of a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application for a renewable energy development comprising 15 no. wind turbines, a permanent 220kV on-site substation, and associated infrastructure and works. The SID application relates to lands within the townlands of Cooldorragh, Kilnagarnagh, Cappanalosset, Tumbleagh, Killaghintoher, Castlearmstrong, Leabeg, Cornafurris and Corrabeg, Lemanaghan, Kilnagoolny, Straduff, Lisdermot, Derrica More, Rosfaraghan, Rashinagh, Cor Mor and Cor Beg, Corbane, and Ballindown, Co. Offaly.

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála ('ACP'/ 'the Commission') under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. In correspondence from the Commission dated 3rd of March 2026, following pre-application consultations with the Commission (ACP pre-app ref: 310844-21), the Commission confirmed the SID nature of the proposed development and prescribed a list of bodies to be notified of the application. Your organisation was included in the list of prescribed bodies and therefore a notification letter and digital copy (USB) of the application has been issued by post.

The application can also be viewed/ downloaded at the following website:  
[www.lemanaghanwindfarmplanning.ie](http://www.lemanaghanwindfarmplanning.ie).

Please note that 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. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared and accompany this planning 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 **7<sup>th</sup> April 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 Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 F893 (9:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday)

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

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, 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 An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than 5:30 p.m. on **26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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 Commission's website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home> or on the Citizens Information Service website, [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

If you have any queries in relation to this application, please don't hesitate in contacting me.

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