

PUBLIC NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

County Roscommon.

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Carraigín Power Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for a proposed development at the townlands of Leggatinty, Carrigeenacreeha, Ballynahowna, Caranlea, Killummod, Culleenatreen or Flagford, Cartroncaran, Lodge, Carrigeen, Ballaghcuillia, Ballindrehid, Corbally East, Peak, Gortnacloy, Tonaknick, Ballysundrivan, Caran, Cloonkerin, Carrowntogher, Corbally Middle, Ballyroddy, Cloonshanville, Skeanavart, Dacklin, Kinclare, Erriblagh, Lisgarve, Loughbally, Rathardeagher, Carrigeenynaghtan, Brackloon, Edenan and Kinclare, Kilnamryall, Corbally West, Cartronicarrarowntogher, Carrowncaran. County Roscommon.

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:

- 11 no. wind turbines with an overall turbine tip height of 185m, turbine hub height of 103.5m, and rotor blade diameter of 163m and a meteorological mast with a height of 30m, and subsequent decommissioning of the wind turbines and meteorological mast, following a 35 year operational period from the date of full commissioning of the wind turbines;
- Associated wind turbines and meteorological mast foundations and hardstanding areas,
- A 110kV substation compound (Including control buildings (with a combined floor area of 594Sq.m) with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and apparatus, security fencing, underground cabling, lightening protection poles, underground wastewater holding tank, site drainage and all ancillary works);
- Underground electrical (110kV) and communications cabling from the proposed 110kV substation to the existing Flagford 220kV substation (including joint bays, communication chambers, earth sheath links, and ancillary works along the underground electrical cabling route). This cabling route is primarily located within the public road corridor;
- Underground electrical (33kV) and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines and meteorological mast to the proposed 110kV substation;
- 6 no. temporary construction compounds (including site offices and welfare facilities,
- Junction accommodation works to facilitate construction access and turbine delivery to the site (off the existing N5 and new N5 national road, and L5642 and L1217 Local Roads), including a new temporary access road off the existing N5 to the L56402,
- Upgrade of existing roads/ tracks and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hardstand areas (including of the L1217, L56402, L5642, L56421, L56492 and L56491 Local Roads), including new gated site entrances at each junction,
- 2 no. Borrow Pits;
- Peat & Spoil Management;
- Site Drainage;
- Tree felling and vegetation removal;
- Biodiversity enhancement measures;
- Operational stage site signage; and
- All associated site development works and apparatus.

The applicant is seeking a 10 year permission and an operational period of 35 years for the wind turbines, meteorological mast and site signage from the date of full commissioning of the wind turbines. A permanent planning permission is being sought for all other works.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared and accompany this planning application. The EIAR and NIS include assessment of temporary accommodation works to facilitate the delivery of turbine components from the Port of Galway, to the site entrances via Lough Atalia Road, the National (N17, N83 and N5), Regional (R339, R338, and R336) and Local (L5034, L56402, L5642, L56421 and L1217) public road network.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on Tuesday 7th April at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).
- Roscommon County Council, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon Town, F42 VR98 (9:00am -1:00pm, and 2:00pm–3:30pm, Monday to Friday).

The application may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website: www.carrigeenplanning.com

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála (“the Commission”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online at 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 Monday 25th May 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 -

1. grant the permission, or
2. 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

3. grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the forgoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
4. 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 (Telephone: 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 Pleanála's website <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home> or on the Citizens Information Service website, www.citizeninformation.ie

