
Lissinagroagh Wind Farm

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Hi,

Fermanagh and Omagh District has been notified by TOBIN of the above planning application (attached) and invited to submit comments to An Coimisiún Pleanála before the 10th July 2026.

The matter was discussed at the June 2026 Planning Committee meeting and the attached response was agreed for submission.

Please confirm safe receipt.

Regards

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Final Response in relation to Lissinagroagh Wind Farm, Co. Leitrim

General

The Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on this proposal. The information, whilst substantial, would appear to be all available in an easily accessible and user friendly format. This ensures consultation with the public and FODC is meaningful and can reduce delays.

Community Benefits

FODC would highlight the importance of including mechanisms within the proposed project to ensure community benefit for neighbouring communities.

Renewables

The Council's Local Development Plan 2030: Plan Strategy, explains that the Council aims to support a diverse range of renewable energy development whilst at the same time taking into consideration environmental, landscape, visual and amenity impacts.

Climate change

The proposed wind farm will contribute to national and regional climate and energy objectives by supporting the transition to low-carbon electricity generation and reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels. ROI is currently off track to meet its 2030 greenhouse gas reduction targets and faces a significant shortfall in renewable energy capacity, particularly in onshore wind.

Developments such as this are therefore important in helping to increase renewable energy supply, improve energy security, and support long-term price stability. The Council notes the importance of clearly demonstrating the project's overall carbon benefits, including emissions associated with construction, and how it aligns with wider climate and energy policy objectives.

Water Environment, Peat and Ecology

The Council notes the potential for sedimentation and contamination of surface waters during both the construction and operational phases of the proposed development. While the project lies outside the Council's area, it should be clearly demonstrated that runoff and potential pollutants will be effectively managed to ensure no adverse effects on downstream European sites that may influence the wider FODC area, including Lough Melvin SAC and Pettigoe Plateau SPA, as well as Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSIs), which carry protections comparable to Natural Heritage Areas and proposed Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs and pNHAs).

The Council also notes the potential for disturbance to protected habitats and species, as well as collision risk for certain bird species. It is important that careful consideration is given to how these risks can be avoided or reduced, particularly where there may be indirect or transboundary ecological effects relevant to this Council area.

The potential spread of invasive species along the grid connection route is noted as a concern. The Council considers it important that appropriate measures are in place to prevent this, particularly where pathways to sensitive sites have been identified. Overall, robust mitigation will be important to safeguard water quality, habitats and species, including those that may have implications for the FODC area.

Visual impacts

The Council notes that the proposed development is situated within a sensitive upland landscape, in close proximity to several designated scenic and protected areas. A number of supporting landscape studies were completed as part of the FODC plan making process, these have been provided previously. The Council's Wind Energy Strategy, advises that both the Garrison Lowlands and the Lough MacNea Valley have limited to very limited capacity for wind energy development.

It is important that there is consistency in approach to landscape capacity, along the boundary with FODC and Leitrim. Within FODC the Garrison Lowlands, characterised by an open landscape that contributes significantly to the setting of Lough Melvin and views across it, has only limited capacity, primarily for small-scale developments associated with farms and individual properties. Similarly, the Lough MacNea Valley, valued for its scenic quality and lowland character, is identified as having very limited capacity, with only minimal potential for small-scale or carefully sited single turbines in less sensitive locations.

These two landscape areas are the most likely to be affected by the proposal and are highly valued for their scenic quality, strong sense of place, and importance for tourism and recreation.

FODC would highlight that there may be potential visual amenity impacts within FODC area due to the scale and magnitude of the proposed windfarm, which would significantly alter the landscape. A windfarm on this site, of the scale and magnitude proposed will present a very significant change to the landscape. It is critical that careful consideration is given to long range views and the potential effects on skylines, ridgelines and key views. Cumulative impacts are also material and should be carefully considered.

Tourism

The Council recognises that tourism in the wider region depends heavily on attractive scenery and high landscape quality. Large-scale structures have the potential to alter the character of long-distance views that are valued by visitors. Lough Melvin, Garrison and Cuilcagh Mountain are key scenic assets and important tourism

destinations within the area, and this proposal needs to carefully consider the impacts on these tourism assets.

The proposal should consider whether such changes could influence visitor behaviour or affect the overall perception and image of the area. A balanced judgement is required, taking into account both the economic benefits of renewable energy and any potential impacts on the tourism economy. In this context, the Council's Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Fermanagh Lakelands area, is material. It seeks to promote the region as a high-quality, sustainable tourism destination centred on its natural landscape, including flagship attractions such as Cuilcagh Mountain.

The Council considers tourism to be an important material consideration.

Residential Amenity

The EIA provides very limited information on the potential impacts on residential amenity for dwellings within this Council area. When assessing wind turbine proposals, the Council typically considers dwellings located at least ten times the rotor diameter from the turbines. While no dwellings in FODC fall within that distance, the EIA should still include consideration of residential units within FODC.

Nonetheless, the wind farm has the potential to adversely affect the amenity of nearby third parties through a range of factors, including traffic, noise, dust, vibration, and general disturbance. The potential impact on residents within FODC is an important material consideration to the Council. It is important that the amenity of these residential properties is fully considered within all supporting assessments, with appropriate mitigation measures identified to minimise any potential effects.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to inform you that FuturEnergy Lissinagroagh Designated Activity Company (the “**Applicant**”) intends to apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála (the “**Commission**”) under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for permission for the proposed renewable energy development of a wind farm on a site area of 389 ha in the townlands of Boleyboy, Cashelaveela, Cherrybrook, Coolodonnell, Faughary, Killea, Lissinagroagh, Lisdarush, Lugasnaghta, Raheelin, Shasmore, Tawnyfeacle, and Tullysheherny, Co. Leitrim.

The Proposed Development for which permission is sought will comprise:

- Fourteen (14) wind turbines with a blade tip height range of 180 m to 185 m inclusive, a rotor diameter range from 149 m to 163 m inclusive, a hub height range from 101 m to 110.5 m inclusive, a minimum ground clearance of 22 m, and all associated foundations, hardstanding and assembly areas;
- A permanent meteorological mast with a height of 100 m, with a lightning finial extending above the mast;
- Modifications to an existing site access on the L61801 local road in the townland of Faughary in the west of the site, to be used as a permanent access during construction and operation;
- A new temporary access on the L6184 local road in the townland of Cherrybrook for use by turbine delivery vehicles during construction only, and subsequent reinstatement;
- Modifications to an existing site access on the L61844 local road in the townland of Lissinagroagh in the southeast of the site, to be used as a temporary access during construction phase only;
- Approximately 7.95 km of new internal access tracks to include passing bays and associated drainage;
- Upgrade of approximately 8.35 km of existing access tracks, to include passing bays and associated drainage;

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- Temporary and permanent drainage and sediment control systems;
- Ten (10) clear span bridges and one (1) existing culvert extension at watercourse crossings by access tracks;
- Three (3) borrow pits with a total available area of 63,352 m² for temporary use during construction. The borrow pits will subsequently be used for storage of excavated material;
- Two (2) temporary construction compounds each on an area of 9,100 m² to contain site offices, storage containers, bunded fuel storage, waste storage, parking areas and security fencing;
- Seven (7) permanent controlled access points on the L61801 and L6184 Local Roads in the townlands of Faughary and Boleyboy to facilitate turbine delivery and construction works which will remain in place after the construction period;
- A temporary crossing of unnamed local road in the townland of Cherrybrook to facilitate turbine delivery vehicles during construction only;
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the on-site substation (the substation is subject to a separate planning application, see details below);
- All related site works and ancillary development including landscaping and soil excavation;
- Biodiversity enhancement areas (218.5 ha) to provide nesting and foraging habitat for birds and other land improvements; and
- Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed project.

A separate application to obtain approval for a proposed grid connection and substation will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This application, and the proposed grid connection application are functionally interdependent and constitute a single project. The proposed grid connection application will seek approval for a 110kV substation and grid connection within the townlands of Curraghfore, Skreeny, Faughary, Amorset, Clooneen, Milltown, Cornastauk, Srabrick, Cloonaquin, Carrigeencor, Boihy, Aghameelta, Kilcoosy, Corrudda, Cleen, Tully, Killeen, Killanummery, Cleighran, Fawn, Drumahaire, Drumlease, and Carrowcrin Co. Leitrim and Lavally, Drumeel, and Ballysumaghan, Co. Sligo.

A Turbine Delivery Route (TDR) along which temporary accommodations may be required are considered in the accompanying EIAR and NIS, and these accommodations are located at the following townlands: Cherrybrook, Cornastauk, Diffreen, Donagh Beg, Donagh More, Knocknaclassagh, Manorhamilton, Moneenshinnagh, Lugnafeaghery, Sracreeghan and Meenaphuill (County Leitrim), Barroe, Ballytivnan, Cartron, Cloontyprocklis, Doonally, Drumcliff South, Drumkilsellagh, Grange, Rathquarter, Tully, Willowbrook (County Sligo), and Aighan, Aghayeevoe, Ballymagowan, Beaugreen Glebe, Bruckless, Cashelreagh Glebe, Clarcarricknagun, Coolcholly, Darney, Doonan, Drumlonagher, Dunkineely, Finner, Killybegs, Magheracar, Mullans, Tullyearl, Tullygallan (County Donegal).

A 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought for all works, and the subsequent decommissioning. The onsite substation and grid connection forming part of the separate grid connection application will remain permanent infrastructure and form part of the national grid network.

Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in this planning application and an opinion on unconfirmed details from the Commission Case Reference: ACP Ref. 323910-25) pursuant to section 37CD of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) accompanies the planning application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified above.

This planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) prepared in respect of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development, the grid connection and TDR accommodation areas.

A copy of the planning application, including the EIAR and NIS can be viewed on the following website: www.lissinagroaghplanning.ie

The Proposed Development is likely to have significant effects on the environment of Northern Ireland.

In considering this application, the Commission can decide to:

- a) (i) grant the permission, or

(ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its permission 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 it of the foregoing kind and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

(b) refuse to grant permission.

Submissions or observations may be made in writing to the Commission at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 or online on the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made between 21st May 2026 and 5.30pm on the 10th July 2026.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of the Commission (telephone no. 01-8588100).

Yours faithfully,



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