

Addendum 3 – Response to Q18 of SID Application Form

Pre-Application Consultation

Pre-Planning Meeting

Mayo County Council

First Pre-Application Meeting (Section 247)

Members of the project team and the Applicant met with representatives of Mayo County Council in accordance with Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended via Microsoft Teams on the 16th of January 2024. Those in attendance were:

On behalf of Mayo County Council:

- John McMyler
- Martin McNamara
- Patrick O'Sullivan

On behalf of Agent and Applicant:

- John O'Connor – Greensource
- Robert Brokert – Greensource
- Alan Clancy – MKO
- Grainne Griffin – MKO
- Jade Power – MKO
- Karen Mulryan – MKO
- Natalia Stolarska – MKO

The project team gave an overview of the Proposed Project in the form of a PowerPoint presentation which set out the following information:

- Introduction to the Proposed Project, the Applicant and project team
- Overview of the Site location and site selection process
- Proposed Wind Farm design, Proposed Grid Connection design, proposed haul route
- Site constraints, environmental Designations, habitats
- Landscape and visual impact assessment
- Surveys completed to date
- Planning policy context
- Scoping, pre-application consultation & public consultation
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Proposed Project timeline

Following this presentation, there was further discussion held between the project team and the representatives of Mayo County Council. Matters discussed included:

- Proposed Grid Connection route
- Site constraints
- Archaeology
- Peat stability
- Landscape and Visual

- Ecology
- Planning policy context
- Scoping and community consultation
- Planning application contents

Second Meeting

Members of the project team and the Applicant met with representatives of Mayo County Council in accordance with Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended via Microsoft Teams on the 2nd of March 2026. Those in attendance were:

On behalf of Mayo County Council:

- Brendan Munnelly

On behalf of Agent and Applicant:

- Imelda Barry – Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited
- John O'Connor – Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited
- Robert Brokert – Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited
- Francesca Rowson – MKO
- Mike Amiel Mekell – MKO
- Órla Murphy – MKO
- Natalia Stolarska – MKO
- Joye Atkinson – MKO
- Kate O'Donnell – MKO
- Nessa Lee – MKO

The project team gave an overview of the Proposed Project in the form of a PowerPoint presentation which set out the following information:

- Introduction, Agenda, project progress, background, policy and consultation
- Designated sites and Biodiversity
- Ornithology
- Water
- Peat stability
- Noise and shadow flicker
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- Other material assets, transport delivery route and temporary construction entrance
- Planning application documents and drawings
- Project timeline and conclusion

Following this presentation, there was further discussion held between the project team and the representatives of Mayo County Council. Matters discussed included:

- Renewable Energy Strategy for County Mayo
- Works to the public road
- Landowner letters of consent
- Landscape and visual impacts
- Residential amenity
- Renewable Energy Directive III

An Coimisiún Pleanála

The Applicant engaged with An Coimisiún Pleanála, then An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, as to whether the Proposed Grid Connection would meet the thresholds of the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The Applicant opened consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála in February 2024 in relation to a Proposed Grid Connection which comprises a an onsite 110kV substation which will break into the existing Castlebar to Cloon 110kV overhead line that traverses the site via a loop in loop out connection.

A Strategic Infrastructure Development meeting under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended was held with An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 9th of May 2024. Those in attendance were:

On behalf of An Coimisiún Pleanála:

- Ellen Moss
- Karen Hamilton
- Paul Caprani

On behalf of Agent and Applicant:

- John O'Connor – Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited
- Robert Brokert – Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited
- Alan Clancy – MKO
- Grainne Griffin – MKO
- Jade Power – MKO
- Natalia Stolarska – MKO
- Robert Kennedy – MKO

The project team gave an overview of the Proposed Project in the form of a PowerPoint presentation which set out the following information:

- Introduction to the Proposed Project, the Applicant and the project team
- Site location
- Proposed Grid Connection infrastructure
- Planning policy context
- Section 182A criteria
- Environmental designations
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Scoping, pre-application consultation & public consultation
- Proposed Project timeline

Following this presentation, there was further discussion held between the project team and the representatives of An Coimisiún Pleanála. Matters discussed included:

- Planning application for the Proposed Wind Farm
- County Development Plan
- Website
- Proposed Project timeline
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Engagement with the National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Strategic Infrastructure Development

SID Determination

A letter received from An Coimisiún Pleanála dated the 4th of July 2024 stated that under Section 182E, it is the opinion of An Coimisiún Pleanála that the Proposed Grid Connection falls within the scope of the Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This confirmed that the Proposed Grid Connection constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development and therefore the planning application should be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Community Consultation

The community consultation carried out for the Proposed Project was based around engaging with the local community in an open, honest and transparent manner with the aim to not only provide clear and understandable information but also to gain feedback to understand the views of the local community.

To inform local residents about the Proposed Project, a project Community Liaison Officer (CLO) was appointed, and an introductory information pack was posted in March 2026 to all householders within a c. 2km radius of the Proposed Project. All the information sent to the local community was also made available for public viewing on the project information website. The information contained in the pack and distributed to each household consisted of the following:

- A company brochure, which provided an overview of the Applicant, the Proposed Project and some general information about wind energy;
- A site location map;
- Dedicated contact details (name, phone and email) for the CLO in relation to the project, along with a web address for the dedicated project website.

Following the initial notification of the proposal to the local community, the CLO liaised with interested parties in helping them to understand the proposal and respond to any queries or concerns raised. Door-to-door visits to all households within a c. 1km radius of the Proposed Project were held on the 10th of March 2026. Further consultations were organised, with the CLO attending in-person meetings with individuals to answer queries relating to the Proposed Project. A letter was posted to all households within a c. 1km radius of the Proposed Project, inviting them to a community clinic, which was held on the 8th of April 2026 in McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, County Mayo.

The consultation process has been an extremely valuable exercise and has provided a detailed, and enhanced understanding of the key issues and concerns of the local community. There is currently on-going consultation with the local community, and it is the intention of the Applicant to continue with the consultation for the entire lifespan of the Proposed Project.

The development of the Proposed Project will provide an enduring economic benefit to the communities surrounding the Proposed Project, through the community benefit package for residents and community groups, employment during the construction and operation of the Proposed Project and through the annual rates payable to the Local Authority.

Please refer to the Community Engagement Report at Appendix 2-2 of the EIAR for further details.