



APPENDIX 2-2

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Crumhach Wind Farm

Community Engagement Report



Introduction

This report outlines the pre-application engagement process carried out by SSE in relation to the proposed decommissioning of 23 turbines at the existing Dunneill (13 turbines) and Kingsmountain (10 turbines) wind farms, and their replacement with 17 turbines across the existing sites and additional greenfield lands, collectively comprising the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm.

It sets out the steps taken by SSE to ensure that communities and local stakeholders have been, and will continue to be, informed and engaged throughout the project's development.

Approach to Consultation and Engagement

SSE understands the importance of ensuring that those living in the vicinity of a proposed renewable energy project are kept fully informed from an early development stage. Equally important is providing these communities and stakeholders with opportunities to engage in the project's development by reviewing, commenting on, and influencing proposals, where feasible. By working together, we strive to implement a best practice approach to community engagement, adhering to the standards outlined in the *Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland, Guidelines for Community Engagement (2016)*. Throughout the development phase of Crumhach Wind Farm, the

approach to engagement and consultation strategy has aimed to:

- communicate early,
- communicate openly and honestly,
- provide an opportunity for stakeholders to express their views,
- listen to and understand community perspectives,
- answer any questions,
- identify and address local issues that should be considered in the project's development.

Consultation Guidance

SSE's approach to engagement is cognisant of the *Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006)* which state that "While it is not a mandatory requirement, it is strongly recommended that developers of a wind energy project should engage in active consultation and dialogue with the local community at an early stage in the planning process, ideally prior to submitting a planning application".

In 2016, the Department of Communications, Climate Action, and Environment (now the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment) released the *Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland - Guidelines for Community Engagement* "to ensure that wind energy development in Ireland is undertaken in observance with the best industry practices and with the full engagement of communities around

the country". SSE strongly values the importance of engaging with local communities in an open, honest, and transparent manner and has made every effort to comply with the key principles outlined in the code of practice. The project team has been proactive in seeking input from the local community throughout the pre-planning stage of the project's development.

In addition, this Community Report is produced in line with the *Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2019)* which state that: "It is essential that local communities are properly involved in the planning process, as early inclusion improves confidence in the openness and fairness of the planning process". These draft guidelines suggest that planning applications for wind farms should include a Community Report.

Project Resources

To implement a robust community engagement approach, SSE resourced this project with several dedicated staff. The following key personnel from SSE and external planning and environmental consultant, MKO, have been involved in community engagement for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm.

- Garry Brides - Project Director, SSE
- Brian McMenamin - Project Manager, SSE
- Michael O'Farrell - Project Manager (formerly), SSE
- Caroline Donnelly - Lead Consent Strategy Manager, SSE
- Seamus Herron - Land Manager, SSE
- Martin Burns – Site Supervisor, Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms, SSE
- Ruaidhrí Broughan - Geographic Information Systems Analyst, SSE
- Conor Joy - External Relations Manager, SSE
- Peter McWilliams - Business and Commercial Graduate, SSE
- Ellen Costello – Senior Environmental Scientist, MKO (Planning and Environmental Consultants)
- Brandon Taylor - Environmental Scientist, MKO (Planning and Environmental Consultants)

Context and Consultation Undertaken

SSE has a long-standing presence in West Sligo through the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms. In 2003, Kingsmountain Wind Farm, which is located to the south of Dromore West, entered commercial operations. This was followed in 2010 by Dunneill Wind Farm also located near Dromore West.

In 2023, Dunneill Wind Farm received planning permission to extend its operational life by a further 15 years to 2039. Community consultation for the lifetime extension consisted of a hand delivered letter drop made on the 11th and 12th April 2022 to dwellings within 2km of the wind farm, advising of the forthcoming planning application to be made to Sligo County Council, with one-to-one meetings facilitated on request. Information was also made available online via a dedicated project website. As Dunneill Wind Farm is a long-established wind farm, well known by local people and no amendments

were being proposed to the layout, SSE felt it appropriate that community consultation for the lifetime extension was tailored to reflect that context.

Separately, SSE has also operated a voluntary community fund linked to the two wind farms. The Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund has contributed over €650,000 to local groups since 2004. SSE's site supervisor for the existing wind farms is also living locally, well established in the local community and a known focal point for any queries related to both wind farms.

It is in this context that SSE undertook to deliver pre-planning consultation and engagement in three distinct phases:

- Phase 1: Introducing the Project
- Phase 2: Pre-Application Public Consultation
- Phase 3: Ongoing Availability and Presence

Phase 1: Introducing the Project

Once the parameters of the project became clear, SSE sought to make members of the local community aware of the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm project. As part of Phase 1, the following key stakeholder and groups were prioritised:

- near neighbours, located within 0-4km of the proposed site,
- local political stakeholders at local, national and European level,
- local community groups and an existing network of local stakeholders associated with the existing wind farms and associated community benefit fund,
- land and commonage owners associated with the proposed project.

At this phase of the project, the approach consisted of introducing the company and the proposed development. In March 2024, a community liaison officer (CLO) was appointed for the project, with the External Relations Manager (ERM – see Project Resources) for Crumhach Wind Farm operating as the CLO for the purpose of all external and community engagement on the project.

In April 2024, the Project Manager and CLO went door-to-door to all neighbours within 2km of the proposed project to hand-deliver a high-level letter

outlining “Proposed Changes to Kingsmountain and Dunneill Wind Farms”. This letter provided background in terms of SSE’s presence in Ireland, the existing wind farms and that SSE was examining the possibility of redeveloping these sites, and included a description of what this entailed, alongside potential greenfield development. Overall, this initial project introduction with near neighbours was well received. That said, several neighbours did note concerns in relation to noise impact and shadow flicker but were assured that this initial contact was a first step in the pre-planning engagement and consultation process. For homes and residents at which there was no answer, a copy of the letter was left in post boxes. A copy of the letter was also emailed to several neighbours known to SSE with whom there had been prior contact as part the engagement process on the Dunneill Wind Farm lifetime extension in 2022. Please see Appendix 1 for a copy of letter.

Key local political representatives at local, national and European level were also provided with a copy of the letter. The purpose of this approach was to make the elected representatives aware of the proposed changes, should they receive any enquiries regarding the project from their constituents.

In June 2024, the SSE Community Investment Team held a presentation at the Old Schoolhouse in Templeboy, near the existing wind farms, to



Presentation of funding linked to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund, which took place in the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy in June 2024.

present funding awards to beneficiaries of the Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Benefit Fund. The Project Manager and CLO for Crumhach Wind Farm also attended and provided a high-level overview of the new development to representatives of local community and voluntary organisations in attendance.

In September 2024, a dedicated project page was established for Crumhach Wind Farm: sserenewables.com/crumhachwindfarm, hosted on the main SSE Renewables website. Since being established, it has been regularly updated with the latest project updates, letters and newsletters. In addition, it includes a high-level overview of proposed community benefit funding proposals linked to the project, the latest updates on community consultation and next steps in Crumhach Wind Farm's development.

In September 2024, a comprehensive project newsletter was distributed to all residences within 4km of the proposed new development and contained a more detailed project overview, indicative site boundary, footprint of the existing wind farms, overview of community benefit funding, the environmental impact assessment process and next steps in the project development process. A copy of the newsletter was also emailed to key political stakeholders at local, national and European level, Sligo Chamber of Commerce, Sligo Public Participation Network (PPN), the Western Development Commission, Sligo County Council and an existing local network of stakeholders associated with the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms and associated community benefit fund. See Appendix 2 for a copy of the newsletter.

A virtual meeting was held in December 2024 between representatives of Sligo County Council's Management Team and SSE to discuss Crumhach Wind Farm. SSE provided an overview of the project, the company's broader regional footprint, and key considerations including layout, grid and turbine delivery options, project timeline, stakeholder engagement and potential community benefit funding. The discussion was wide ranging with Sligo County Council representatives outlining areas for further discussion and coordination, particularly in relation to grid route options and turbine deliveries and indicated their openness to continued engagement as the project progressed. This meeting had been preceded by an earlier virtual engagement with the Sligo County Council Management Team in early 2024 which had focused on the Sligo County Development Plan 2024-2030 and during which the potential to redevelop the Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farm sites had been referenced at a high level.

In January 2025, a project update was sent to residents within 4km of the proposed development and noted the installation of a temporary meteorological mast for measuring and collecting data on wind conditions. The letter was sent to key political stakeholders at local, national and European level. A copy of the letter was again emailed to additional local stakeholders. See Appendix 3 for a copy of the letter.

Two virtual meetings were held in February 2025 with representatives of the Western Development Commission and Sligo Chamber of Commerce to discuss Crumhach Wind Farm. At both engagements, SSE provided an overview of the proposed development and ongoing stakeholder engagement. Discussions focused broadly on infrastructure considerations, including turbine delivery routes and grid connectivity and the rationale for redeveloping the existing sites. During both meetings, there was also a high-level overview of the potential local economic contribution of the project, including community benefit funding. Both organisations expressed interest in ongoing engagement, with positive responses to the project noted, alongside its potential role in supporting economic and energy objectives County Sligo and the wider North-West.

In March 2025, SSE provided a briefing on Crumhach Wind Farm to elected members of the Ballymote–Tubbercurry Municipal District. The presentation offered a high-level overview of the project and its regional context, building on earlier engagements with Sligo County Council. Discussion focused on the potential benefits of the project, including community benefit funding and wider economic contribution. The engagement was constructive, with a positive reception from the elected members and no significant issues raised. It was also noted that further pre-planning public consultation activities would follow as part of the next phase of engagement.

Also in March 2025, SSE met with representatives of Sligo County Council, including their roads department. This engagement built on and flowed from earlier engagement with the Council's Management Team in December 2024. The meeting focused on high-level aspects of turbine delivery and potential grid connection routes, including potential options and associated constraints. Both parties discussed the need for ongoing engagement with discussions highlighting the importance of continued dialogue.

The series of meetings held in February and March 2025 concluded the initial phase of community and local stakeholder engagement for Crumhach Wind Farm.

Phase 2: Pre-Application Public Consultation

Phase 2 of engagement for Crumhach Wind Farm comprised the pre-application public consultation process, designed to further inform the local community and stakeholders about the proposed development and to provide an opportunity for feedback, both at in-person events and via an online virtual consultation room. The events were free to attend, were well promoted and gave the local community the opportunity to review the proposals and engage directly with the project team.

A comprehensive programme of promotional activity was undertaken in advance of the pre-application public consultation period during July-September 2025, aimed at maximising local awareness and participation. This included the distribution of a project newsletter to residents within 4km of the project during the week commencing (w/c) 7th July. A copy of the letter was again emailed to additional local stakeholders. See Appendix 4 for a copy of the newsletter.

Furthermore, promotion of the consultation events was further supported by the placement of posters in key local locations by the Kingsmountain and Dunneill Site Supervisor on w/c 7th July. See Appendix 5 for a copy of the poster. Paid advertising also appeared in the *Sligo Champion* and *Sligo Weekender* on w/c 14th July. See Appendix 6 for a copy of the paid adverts, as they appeared in local publications. In addition, a radio advert to promote the in-person events and online component was broadcast on Ocean FM on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd July. See Appendix 7 for a copy of the radio advert wording.

Building on this awareness campaign, two public consultation events were held on 23rd and 24th July 2025 at Dromore West Community Centre and the Old Schoolhouse in Templeboy respectively, running from 2pm to 8pm each day. The 23rd of July also marked the commencement of the six-week public consultation running from 23rd July to 3rd September. These events formed a key part of the wider stakeholder engagement process and provided an opportunity for members of the public to engage directly with the project team, learn more about the proposed development and share their views.

A comprehensive suite of materials was made available at the events to support understanding of the proposals. 13 exhibition boards outlining key aspects of the project, included:

- welcome, consultation overview and meet the team,
- an overview of SSE Renewables, including its Irish footprint,
- an overview of the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm,
- key project benefits,
- site selection process and considerations,
- environmental impact assessment,
- grid connection and turbine delivery routes,
- noise and shadow flicker,
- community benefit funding,
- community engagement and project timeline.

A copy of the exhibition boards on display can be found at Appendix 8.

Information and collateral also provided at the pre-application public consultation events included a detailed project newsletter (mirroring the exhibition boards), landscape and visual impact assessment booklets presenting both existing and proposed views from fixed viewpoints, and information on community benefit funding associated with the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms. See Appendix 9 for a copy of the Kingsmountain & Dunneill Community Benefit Report.

A central feature of the exhibition was an interactive 3D GIS model, developed using ArcGIS Pro, which presented the proposed turbines alongside the existing wind farms and surrounding landscape. The model allowed attendees to input their Eircode to view the development from their own properties, while project team members provided technical information, responded to queries, and demonstrated turbine distances from individual homes. This model was complimented by the landscape and visual impact assessment booklets.



Stills from the interactive 3D GIS model available during the pre-application public consultation events.

Furthermore, attendees were encouraged to complete an attendance sheet and physical feedback form, see Appendix 10 for a copy of the feedback form. Approximately 50 people attended both events, with representatives from SSE and planning and environmental consultants, MKO, present to respond to questions and queries. While the project was well received and the contribution of the existing Dunneill and Kingsmountain Community Benefit Fund was recognised, a number of attendees raised concerns related primarily to noise, shadow flicker and proximity of turbines to residential properties. These queries and concerns were addressed in person over the course of the two events.

For those unable to attend in person, an online virtual consultation room was available from 23rd July to 3rd September to support broader accessibility. This included access to the exhibition boards, key project maps, photomontages, a downloadable project newsletter and an online feedback form. The virtual consultation room was accessible via the project website (sserenewables.com/crumhachwindfarm). No online submissions were received through the online feedback form during the six-week consultation period. Stills from the virtual consultation room can be found at Appendix 11.



The first of two public consultation events which took place on the 23rd of July 2025 in Dromore West Community Centre

Phase 3: Ongoing Availability and Presence

Following completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2, public-facing engagement activity was reduced as the project team focused on finalising the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and preparing the planning application. The objective during this phase was to maintain an ongoing presence for the project and to remain accessible to members of the public seeking further information or wishing to make contact.

The approach to Phase 3 comprised the following elements:

- **Web presence:** The project webpage, established during Phase 1, was maintained and updated periodically to provide the latest project information, including updates and key milestones.
- **Community Liaison Officer:** Contact details for the CLO remained available on the project website, consisting of a project email address, which was monitored during standard business hours.
- **Engagement with existing networks:** SSE continued to engage, both formally and informally, with established local networks, stakeholders and communities in the vicinity of the proposed development, remaining available for meetings with residents and other stakeholders. Two such meetings took place, including:
 - o 1 additional meeting with representatives from Sligo County Council in February 2026, flowing from prior engagement with the Council throughout 2024-2025. Areas discussed included a project update on Crumhach Wind Farm and key infrastructure elements, including the turbine delivery route and grid connection options.
 - o 1 meeting with a local resident in April 2026.
- **Project updates:** One additional project newsletter was sent to residents within 4km of the project on w/c 8th June 2026. A copy of the newsletter was also emailed to additional local stakeholders. See Appendix 12 for a copy of the newsletter.

Opportunities and Benefits

The *Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland, Guidelines for Community Engagement* stipulates that wind farm developers should identify enduring economic benefit to the communities

concerned from the proposed development and should also highlight economic benefits to the communities concerned.

Macro Environmental Benefits

Onshore wind farms, such as Crumhach Wind Farm, are a key part of Ireland's transition to a cleaner, more sustainable energy system. Crumhach Wind Farm would contribute to Ireland's legally binding target of achieving net-zero emissions no later than 2050.

Expanding onshore wind energy supports this transition by providing a low-carbon, indigenous source of electricity, helping to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, enhance energy security, and contribute to local and national climate objectives.

Short-Term Economic Benefits

SSE recognises that its consented projects bring with them many local opportunities through both the construction and operational phases. During construction, it is estimated that approximately 80-100 jobs will be created, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase. This, in turn, will have a knock-on effect on the local economy through the supply of services to the workforce. Local businesses will have the opportunity to provide their services, which might include accommodation or the supply of sundries, materials, labour or equipment.

To ensure that local businesses have the best chance of becoming part of the project supply chain, if consented, SSE will ensure there are opportunities for local supply chain to engage with the project and construction team at local information events ahead of construction commencement. These events will allow interested businesses to meet SSE's contractors and to discuss the opportunities that they might benefit from.

Long-Term Social and Economic Benefits

If consented and constructed, Crumhach Wind Farm would include an associated community benefit fund anticipated to be worth several hundred thousand euros annually, implemented in accordance with government best practice, and any rules regarding community benefits funds in place at the time of delivery.

Once construction commences, SSE plans to conduct multiple local consultation events to disseminate information regarding this fund, adhering to current government guidelines. These events would also facilitate the expression of interest from community members to join a community benefit fund committee.

This committee will be established to develop a fund strategy and to ensure the effective allocation of funding in alignment with community needs, with a primary focus on developing a community funding strategy consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Since 2004, the voluntarily operated Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund has contributed over €650,000 to local groups. Over this period, the fund has supported communities in delivering sustainable, impactful projects that contribute to social, environmental and economic wellbeing, helping to enhance the quality of life for residents for over 20 years.

Local Economic Investment

Crumhach Wind Farm would also support the local exchequer through the payment of commercial rates to Sligo County Council, contributing to the delivery of a wide range of local services, infrastructure

and community initiatives. The potential impact of the proposed development on commercial rates contributions has been regularly stated throughout the pre-application consultation process.

Impact of Community Engagement

Overall, the level of feedback received across all three phases of engagement has been largely positive, with engagement to date contributing constructively to the development process.

Where concerns were raised in relation to Crumhach Wind Farm, these were addressed through open,

transparent and responsive engagement, with the project team providing information, clarifications and follow-up as appropriate, and demonstrating a willingness to meet directly with stakeholders to discuss and address individual queries and concerns.

Conclusion

As developer of the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, SSE has undertaken a proactive, lengthy and structured programme of community engagement, pre-application consultation and dialogue from an early stage in the project's development. This has built on SSE's long-standing presence in the area through the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms, as well as established relationships with residents, stakeholders and community groups.

The pre-application consultation process, delivered across three phases, has been a valuable exercise. It has enhanced understanding of local issues and concerns. It has also facilitated meaningful engagement with a broad range of stakeholders and strengthened an existing network of local contacts, which will be important in supporting continued and ongoing engagement as the project progresses through the consenting process and towards eventual construction.

While concerns in relation to the development were raised during the process, overall, the project has been well received in the locality. This, it is assumed, is due to SSE's long-standing presence in West Sligo, the company's reputation as a responsible developer and operator of onshore wind projects and the presence of wind farm related community benefit funding in the locality since 2004.

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, the delivery of a new community benefit funding package, ongoing local employment opportunities, and annual rates contributions to the local authority, SSE is confident that the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm will provide a sustained economic and social benefit to the surrounding communities. SSE remains committed to maintaining open lines of communication and continuing to engage with stakeholders throughout the next stages of the project.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Letter to Neighbours, April 2024



April 2024

Proposed Changes to Kingsmountain & Dunneill Wind Farms

Dear Householder,

I hope you are keeping well.

We are calling to residents on behalf of SSE Renewables as we would like to share some information in relation to proposed changes to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms.

SSE Renewables is Ireland's leading developer, owner, and operator of onshore wind farms. We operate 31 onshore wind farms on the island making us the largest generator and provider of renewable energy across Ireland. We are proud to have contributed over €11.4 million in funding since 2008 to communities close to our wind farms in Ireland. This funding has been able to assist almost 4,500 community-based projects located closest to our wind farms, including in County Sligo.

As you will be aware, we operate the Kingsmountain Wind Farm (since 2003) and the neighboring Dunneill Wind Farm (since 2010), with the latter receiving an approval to extend its operational life last year. Together, both wind farms constitute over 36MW of clean energy, powering 24,000 homes and eliminating 29,000 tonnes of harmful carbon dioxide emissions from Ireland's electricity fuel mix. Furthermore, the annual community benefit funds associated with these wind farms have contributed over €575,000 to local community groups since 2004. These wind farms also contribute significantly to commercial rates which help improve services in Sligo more widely.

We are now examining the potential to repower these wind farms. In short, repowering would involve the dismantling and replacement of turbine equipment, with existing infrastructure on site such as roads and grid connection equipment being reused where possible. Repowering of these existing wind farms will reduce the total number of wind turbines located within the site boundary of the existing Dunneill and Kingsmountain wind farms. Repowering can provide several benefits including continuing the productive use of existing windfarm sites, significantly increases the clean energy produced and is a cheaper alternative to new-build wind farms, resulting in lower energy costs and increasing energy security.

The project team is also assessing the potential for a greenfield development located South-South-West of the existing Dunneill and Kingsmountain wind farms.

We are keen to work closely with the local community on this project and that is why we are calling door-to-door to let you know about our plans at this early development stage. This contact is also part of a wider engagement plan with additional consultation to take place in the forthcoming months.

In the meantime, if you wish to contact me to discuss any aspect of the project, please contact me at the email address provided below.

Kind Regards,

Conor Joy, External Relations Manager, SSE Renewables

Email: clo@sse.com

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Appendix 2 – Newsletter to Neighbours, September 2024

Environmental Impact Assessment

Environmental Impact Assessment or EIA is the process of examining the anticipated environmental effects of a proposed development, through consultation and preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR is a report of the effects, if any, which the proposed project, if built, would have on the environment. It is prepared to inform the EIA process and will be included in the final planning application which will be submitted to the required planning authority.

Scoping, which is the process of deciding what information should be contained in the EIAR and involves interactions with relevant consultees who are contacted to provide feedback as to what they would like to see included and assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), has now commenced. **Should you have a view on what you would like to see included in the EIAR, please do let us know at the contact details provided overleaf.**

Our Focus

Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all our stakeholders. Through open and early dialogue, we aim to design and build projects that contribute to local sustainable development, while supporting and enhancing a sense of community spirit and solidarity. Our Project Manager and Community Liaison Officer for the project have already visited near neighbours within 2km of the proposed new wind farm earlier this year.

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are working to support job creation and contribute to Sligo's economy, all while working in close step with the local community and helping to deliver Ireland's ambition to achieve 70% renewable electricity by 2030, as set out in the Climate Action Plan. We have also begun work on the installation of a temporary meteorological mast which will be used for measuring and collecting data on wind conditions.

Next Steps

- Continue scoping to inform Environmental Impact Assessment process.
- Continue environmental studies.
- In-person consultation events to take place in locality in 2025.
- Further information to be distributed to near neighbours and local stakeholders in the months ahead, alongside continued community engagement.
- Indicative date for planning submission in late 2025.

About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables is a leading developer and operator of renewable energy in Ireland, operating some of the largest onshore wind farms on the island, including the 174MW Galway Wind Park in Connemara and the 73MW Slieve Kirk Wind Park outside Derry City. Part of SSE plc, the FTSE-listed energy infrastructure company, its strategy is to lead the transition to a net zero future through the world-class development, construction and operation of clean power assets across a diverse mix of renewable technologies.

SSE Renewables is investing around €8bn to 2027, or almost €4.5m a day on average, to support the delivery of SSE's Net Zero Acceleration Programme to address climate change head on. This includes plans to increase installed renewable energy capacity to around 9GW by 2027, including the delivery of the world's largest offshore wind farm, currently in construction. SSE Renewables has a team of around 2,000 renewable energy professionals based across Ireland and the UK, Continental Europe, and Japan, all committed to delivering the green energy the world needs now and in the future.

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Crumhach Wind Farm

a project by SSE Renewables

Information Leaflet – September 2024





Crumhach Wind Farm

SSE Renewables is exploring the potential for a new wind energy and battery project at the site of the existing Duneill and Kingsmountain wind farms.

We have operated the Kingsmountain Wind Farm (since 2003) and the neighboring Duneill Wind Farm (since 2010), with the latter receiving an approval to extend its operational life last year. Together, both wind farms constitute over 36MW of clean energy, power 24,000 homes, remove 29,000 tonnes of harmful carbon dioxide emissions from Ireland's electricity fuel mix and provide a significant economic boost to the locality.

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are now seeking to secure and extend our over two-decade long presence in County Sligo.

Project Overview

Crumhach Wind Farm would involve the repowering of the Duneill and Kingsmountain wind farms, in addition to a greenfield development located in-between the existing wind farms and on lands located south-south-west of the existing wind farms.

Repowering would involve the dismantling and replacement of turbine equipment, with existing infrastructure on site such as roads and grid connection equipment being reused where possible.

Repowering can provide several benefits including continuing the productive use of existing windfarm sites, significantly increasing the clean energy produced at these sites.

While the number and layout of turbines will be refined during the upcoming project design stages,

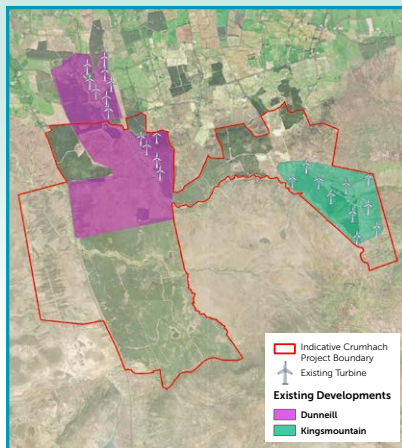
the proposed development will likely comprise the removal of the 23 existing wind turbines from Duneill Wind Farm (13 turbines) and Kingsmountain Wind Farm (10 turbines) and the construction of approximately 25 wind turbines across the proposed site, in addition to an on-site substation that will also include battery storage.

As part of the proposed development is on Colille lands, please contact lsinfo@colille.ie if you have any Colille related queries about this proposal.

While still at development stage, the indicative turbine parameters being considered for Crumhach Wind Farm are as follows:

Tip Height: 180m
Hub Height: 99m-105m
Rotor Diameter: 149-155m





Indicative Crumhach Project Boundary
Existing Turbine
Existing Developments
Duneill
Kingsmountain

Indicative site boundary for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm (Red), with the existing Duneill Wind Farm (Purple) and Kingsmountain Wind Farm (Green) turbine layout noted. The number and new layout of turbines for Crumhach Wind Farm will be refined during the upcoming project design stages.





Community Benefit Fund

If consented and constructed, Crumhach Wind Farm would also have an associated community benefit fund, which would be implemented in line with government best practice.

Since 2004, the existing Kingsmountain and Duneill Community Fund has contributed €624,675 to local groups in the vicinity of the existing wind farms. In June 2024, a total of €50,821 from the fund was distributed to support 28 community groups during a presentation event held in the Old School House, Templeboy (photo above).

While it is not possible at this time to indicate a monetary value on the community benefit fund linked to the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, it would represent a significant increase on the existing Kingsmountain and Duneill Community Fund.

Crumhach Wind Farm would also be a significant contributor to commercial rates, adding to the contribution which our existing wind farms have already made to the local exchequer, helping to improve infrastructure and services in County Sligo more widely.

Appendices

Appendix 3 – Letter to Neighbours, January 2025



January 2025

SSE Renewables
Red Oak South
South County Business Park
Leopardstown
Dublin D18 W68

Re: Update on the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm

Dear Householder,

I write to you on behalf of the Team in SSE Renewables to provide you with an update on the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, further to correspondence you will have received last year.

As you may be aware, we are progressing plans for a new wind energy project at the site of the existing Dunneill and Kingsmountain wind farms – the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm. Crumhach Wind Farm involves the repowering of the Dunneill and Kingsmountain wind farms, in addition to greenfield development in-between the existing wind farms and on lands located south-south-west of the existing wind farms. Repowering involves the dismantling and replacement of turbine equipment, with existing infrastructure on site such as roads and grid connection being reused where possible.

Environmental scoping for this project, which informs the environmental impact assessment process, took place last year and we are continuing to progress additional environmental studies as part of our planning application. You may also have noticed that a temporary meteorological mast was installed at Crowagh in November – see Image 1. A meteorological mast is used for measuring and collecting data on wind conditions; this will also inform our planning application.

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are working to support job creation, continue community benefit funding and contribute to Sligo's economy, all while working in close step with the local community and helping to deliver Ireland's ambition to achieve 70% renewable electricity by 2030. It is our intention to hold in-person public consultation events in the locality later this year ahead of an indicative planning submission date in late 2025. We will continue to keep you updated as our plans progress throughout the year.

For further information visit our project website <https://www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/crumhach/> or please contact us via the details provided below.

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Image 1: Meteorological mast installed at Crowagh in November 2024.

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Appendix 4 - Newsletter to Neighbours, July 2025

Community Benefit Funding

Since 2004, the existing Kingsmountain and Duneill Community Fund has contributed over €654,000 to local groups in the vicinity of the existing wind farms.

In May, SSE marked two decades of community investment in the North-West by awarding funding to 14 local groups through the 2024 Kingsmountain and Duneill Community Fund. The potential fund linked to the Crumhach Wind Farm would represent a significant increase on the existing Kingsmountain and Duneill Community Fund.

Crumhach Wind Farm would include a community fund anticipated to be worth several hundred thousand euros annually, which would be implemented in accordance with government best practice.

If Crumhach Wind Farm receives planning consent and is constructed, SSE plans to conduct multiple local consultation events to disseminate information regarding this fund, adhering to current government guidelines.

These events will also facilitate the expression of interest from community members to join a community benefit fund committee.

This committee will be established to ensure the effective allocation of funding in alignment with community needs, with a primary focus on developing a community funding strategy consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

About SSE Renewables

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Crumhach Wind Farm

a project by SSE Renewables

Public Consultation

Keeping You Informed - July 2025

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Crumhach Wind Farm

Public Consultation Evenings

SSE will be running a public consultation for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm for six weeks, from July 23rd to September 3rd. This builds on public engagement for the project which has been ongoing since April 2024.

During the public consultation, we hope to hear the views of the local community regarding the project. Our consultation materials, outlining further details on Crumhach, will be available to view in-person at the below locations and times.

Wednesday, July 23rd 2025
in Dromore West Community Centre
(F26 T9F9), from 2pm-8pm.

Thursday, July 24th 2025
in the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy
(F91 T045), from 2pm-8pm.

For those unable to make our in-person events, all materials on display and an online feedback form will be available via our virtual consultation room from July 23rd. You can access the virtual consultation room from that date by visiting <https://www.sserenewables.com/crumhachwindfarm>.

Our consultation events are free to attend, will give the local community the chance to learn more about our plans and have any questions they might have answered by our project team. Thereafter, it is our intention to submit a planning application directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) in Q1 2026 through the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) planning process, which is designed for large-scale developments of national importance.

About the Project

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are seeking to secure and extend our over two-decade long presence in Sligo.

In Sligo, SSE has operated Kingsmountain Wind Farm since 2003, and the neighboring Duneill Wind Farm since 2010. Together, both wind farms constitute over 36MW of clean energy, powering Irish homes and businesses and removing harmful carbon dioxide emissions from Ireland's electricity fuel mix in addition to providing a significant economic boost locally.

Crumhach Wind Farm would involve the repowering of the Duneill and Kingsmountain wind farms, in addition to greenfield development located in-between the existing wind farms and on lands located south-south-west of the existing wind farms, with part of the proposed development on Collite lands. Repowering would involve the dismantling and replacement of turbine equipment, with existing infrastructure on site such as roads and grid connection equipment being reused where possible.

Repowering can provide several benefits including continuing the productive use of existing windfarm sites and significantly increasing the clean energy produced at these sites.

Key Benefits

- Provide up to 100MW of green, renewable energy.
- Prevent approximately 70,000 metric tonnes of harmful CO2 being released each year.
- Investment in the local economy and communities.
- Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.
- Contribute to Ireland's binding climate targets.
- Annual Community Benefit Fund which could be worth several hundred thousand euros per-annum.

Indicative site layout for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm.

While the number and layout of turbines will be refined during the project design stage, the proposed development will likely comprise the removal of the 23 existing wind turbines from Duneill Wind Farm (13 turbines) and Kingsmountain Wind Farm (10 turbines) and the construction of 17 wind turbines across the proposed site, in addition to an onsite substation. We are no longer proposing that a battery energy storage system (BESS) will be included as part of our forthcoming planning application.

The draft layout for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm comprises turbines with a maximum tip height of 180m. The wind farm will generate up to 100MW of energy, based on the current design proposals.

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Appendix 5 – Promotional Posters for Pre-Application Consultation Events, July 2025



Crumhach Wind Farm

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SSE is proposing to develop a new wind energy project, Crumhach Wind Farm, at the site of our existing Dunneill and Kingsmountain wind farms in West Sligo in addition to greenfield development located in-between and on lands located south-south-west of the existing wind farms.

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www.sserenewables.com/onshore-wind/in-development/crumhach

Prior registration is not required. Email clo@sse.com for further information.

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Appendix 7 – Radio Advert Broadcast on Ocean FM, 21st, 22nd, 23rd July 2025

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SSE invites you to participate in a public consultation for Crumhach Wind Farm.

We've operated the neighbouring Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms in West Sligo since 2003 and 2010. We're now seeking to redevelop these sites through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, to ensure the continued generation of renewable electricity at this location.

Two consultation evenings will take place: Dromore West Community Centre on Wednesday 23rd July, and The Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy on Thursday 24th July – both from 2PM to 8PM.

Come along to learn more and meet the project team.

All information on display will be available online from July 23rd to September 3rd at www.sserenewables.com/crumhachwindfarm.

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Appendix 8 - Pre-Application Public Consultation Events, Exhibition Boards, July 2025

Crumhach Wind Farm

Public Consultation
July 2025

The purpose of our public consultation is to provide you with information on our upcoming planning application for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, to update you on our current activities and plans, and to provide an opportunity for the local community to give their input and feedback on our draft design proposals.

Our team is excited to answer any questions you might have and listen to your feedback. You can also view all the information on display this evening in our virtual public consultation room, which can be found online at www.sse.com/crumhachwindfarm or by using the QR code below.

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Welcome
Crumhach Wind Farm
Public Consultation

Thank you for visiting our public consultation event today. Please take your time viewing the information we have on display. If you have any questions or feedback, our project team is here to talk to you.

You can also fill out a feedback form or contact us via email or post after today's event. An online feedback form will also be available via our virtual consultation room until September 3rd.

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SSE Renewables' growing footprint across the North-West and Northern Ireland.

SSE Renewables' operational and development onshore and offshore wind portfolio, across the island of Ireland.

Crumhach Wind Farm Overview

In West Sligo we have operated our existing Kingmountain Wind Farm since 2003, and the neighbouring Durnell Wind Farm since 2005.

Together, both wind farms constitute over 50MW of clean energy, powering Irish homes and businesses and removing harmful carbon dioxide emissions from Ireland's electricity fuel mix in addition to providing a significant economic boost to the region.

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- Continuing the productive use of existing wind farm sites and
- significantly increasing the clean energy produced at these sites.

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It is our intention to submit a planning application in Q1 2026 for Crumhach Wind Farm, through the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) planning process, which is designed for large-scale developments of national importance. Under Irish planning law, renewable energy projects over 50MW are typically classified as SID and the planning application may be made directly to An Comhairle Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála), rather than the local authority. This streamlined process ensures that projects critical to Ireland's energy and climate goals are assessed efficiently while still allowing for full public participation and environmental scrutiny.

Environmental Impact Assessment

A key aspect of our planning application for Crumhach Wind Farm is the Environmental Impact Assessment of the project. This is the process of examining the anticipated environmental effects of Crumhach, through consultation, assessment and preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAIR). Scoping, which is the process of deciding what information should be contained in the EIAIR and involves interactions with relevant consultees who are contacted to provide feedback as to what they would like to see included and assessed in EIAIR, commenced in late 2024 and is ongoing.

The EIAIR will be included in the final planning application which, we anticipate, will be submitted to An Comhairle Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) as a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application in early 2026.

Crumhach Wind Farm Constraints Map

A detailed constraints mapping was undertaken which involved placing buffers around different types of constraints to clearly identify the areas within which no development works will take place. The constraints mapping included the following features and relevant buffers:

- 45' proposed turbine tip height buffer (720m) from residential buildings.
- Nature 2000 sites plus 100-metre buffer.
- Lakes/waterbodies plus 50-metre buffer.
- Telecommunication links plus operator-specific buffer, following consultation with all operators.
- Potential Areas 2 habitats.
- Local public road network plus proposed turbine tip height plus 100' buffer.
- Archaeological Sites or Monuments, 50-metre buffer, plus Zone of Notification, as required by the National Monuments Service.
- Rivers/streams plus 50-metre buffer.
- Hydrology walkovers and surface water monitoring.
- Geotechnical assessments.
- Landscape and cultural heritage walkover surveys.
- Noise monitoring.
- Traffic count survey.

In addition to desk-based studies, we are undertaking a wide range of field surveys to inform the baseline environmental characteristics of the site and surrounding area. These include:

- Ecological and ornithological surveys, including bird surveys, habitat and vegetation classification, bat surveys, reptile surveys, terrestrial mammal surveys - badger, squirrel and other.
- Preal probing surveys.

Grid Connection and Turbine Delivery Routes

Grid Connection
To ensure the power generated by Crumhach Wind Farm feeds into the national grid, a physical connection is required between the proposed onshore wind farm substation and a 110kV substation in the region.

The existing Kingmountain and Durnell wind farms connect to the national grid via Cullinagh 110kV substation and the project is investigating using this underground connection together with a new 110kV connection. A separate planning application will be made for the grid element of this project in the future.

The proposed grid connection for the wind farm will be designed and constructed to meet ESB Networks standards. The cable will be installed in a similar manner to existing utilities in the area, such as other high voltage cables and water mains.

The existing electrical infrastructure that connects the Kingmountain and Durnell wind farms to the national grid can be reused should the project decide to, and therefore no work is required on the existing infrastructure.

Indicative grid connection route (top) and turbine delivery route maps for Crumhach Wind Farm (bottom).

Turbine Delivery Route
The proposed turbine component delivery route will utilise the R263 regional road from Millage to its junction with the N56 national road, which provides access to Donegal Town.

From Donegal, the turbine delivery route continues on the N56 national road through Sligo Town. After Sligo, the turbine delivery route continues west onto the N59 national road passing through Ballycastle, Templeboy and Dromore West after which it uses the local road approaching the proposed wind farm site from the north.

Traffic Management
The delivery of the wind turbine components and all other construction materials to the proposed development site will be assessed as part of the traffic and transport section of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will form part of our planning application. A Traffic Management Plan will be developed and agreed with Sligo County Council and An Garda Síochána prior to construction commencing on site.

Noise and Shadow Flicker

Noise
Strict planning guidelines on wind turbine noise exist to ensure the protection of residential amenity in the vicinity of proposed wind farms.

Sources of noise during operation of a wind farm are primarily aerodynamic (from the movement of blades through the air) and, to a lesser extent, mechanical noise. Modern wind turbines are designed to minimise both aerodynamic and mechanical noise.

The effects of noise are being assessed as part of the formulation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAIR), which will be included in our planning application and will comply with wind farm planning guidelines. Independent noise consultants are undertaking a noise assessment to consider the impact of the proposed turbines on nearby residential properties. A background noise survey has been carried out at a number of locations around the wind farm site, which will allow appropriate noise limits to be established in accordance with the guidelines. Predicted noise levels will be calculated and compared to these limits, and if necessary, design changes or other mitigation measures proposed to ensure that the wind farm can be operated within the limits. If the proposed wind farm is consented and built, noise levels will again be measured during commissioning of the wind farm to verify compliance with the specified limits.

Shadow Flicker
Shadow Flicker is the name given to a phenomenon caused when the sun is behind the turbine blades, casting a moving shadow over a small opening in a building such as a window, which creates a flickering effect within the building.

A shadow flicker assessment will be carried out as part of the EIAIR for Crumhach Wind Farm. If these results identify shadow flicker to be possible at certain times, the turbines will be equipped with a shadow flicker control system that will ensure that the relevant turbine(s) will be shut down as required to mitigate the effect.

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Crumphack Wind Farm Overview & Biodiversity Net Gain



Rotor

Hub Height

Tower

The draft layout for Crumphack Wind Farm comprises 17 turbines, with a maximum tip height of 120m. The wind farm will generate up to 250MW of energy, based on the current design proposals.

In addition to the turbines themselves, the development of a wind farm comprises several principal components. These include hardstand areas and access roads, underground cables to transport the grid electricity to the substation, boxes/pits for the sourcing of rock on site and spoil management areas. In addition, turbine delivery roads (aggregates), an on-site substation, and an underground electrical connection to the national electricity grid will be required. We anticipate that a planning application for an underground electrical connection will be submitted at a later date.



120m Tip Height

113-150m Rotor Diameter

105-110m Hub Height

As the proposed development only takes up a small portion of the total site area, this means much of the land area will not be required for the wind farm. This provides an opportunity for the remainder of the site to be used for other purposes, such as ongoing farming and biodiversity enhancement.

SSE Renewable will implement its Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) plan, which is an approach to development that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was in pre-development. It focuses on the change in the biodiversity value of a site, comparing the pre and post construction biodiversity values to ensure a positive impact is made. This commitment the Sggs County Development Plan 2020-2030 which states 'New development should contribute to the enhancement and restoration of biodiversity by demonstrating a site-specific biodiversity net gain as part of the planning process.'

SSE Renewables is committed to achieving BNG on onshore renewable energy sites consented from 2025 onwards. As Crumphack Wind farm will be submitted for planning permission in early 2026, it is envisaged that the project will include biodiversity enhancement measures in line with SSE's commitments to BNG.

Further details on SSE's commitment to BNG, including the Positive for the Planet report and BNG tools, can be found at: www.sse.com/biodiversity-net-gain



Indicative site layout for the proposed Crumphack Wind Farm

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Project Benefits

Key Benefits



Provide up to 150MW of green, renewable energy.



Prevent approximately 76,000 metric tonnes of harmful CO2 being released each year.



Investment in the local economy and communities.



Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.



Contributes to Ireland's binding climate targets.



Annual community benefit fund which could be worth several hundred thousand euros per annum.

Climate

Onshore wind farms, such as Crunthach Wind Farm are a vital part of Ireland's transition to a cleaner more sustainable future. Crunthach will support Ireland's legally binding path to net zero emissions no later than 2050. Expanding onshore wind energy helps meet this target by providing a reliable, low-carbon power source that reduces our dependence on fossil fuels, enhances energy security, and supports local and national climate goals.

Economic

The project will bring significant benefits to the local and regional economy including:

- Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.
- Anticipated commercial rates of up to €2.5million per annum to Sligo County Council, contributing towards services such as roads, local infrastructure and public services.
- Investment in the local economy through direct and indirect employment and supply chain involvement.

Community

Over its lifetime, Crunthach Wind Farm project will bring a range of benefits to the local community including an annual community benefit fund. Once operational,

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Site Selection

SSE conducted numerous fact-finding visits upon which to develop wind farms. The wind resources, or consistent winds, is a primary consideration. We must also consider how the wind farm will be connected to the electricity grid. The size of the site, the areas of ground available to develop on and access to the site for turbine components and construction also amount amongst the key considerations in wind farm planning.

The site for the proposed Crouchmount Wind Farm encompasses part of the hamlets of the existing Longmound and Dunnell wind farms areas, with proven suitability for wind farm development, along with additional greenfield lands. In seeking to "open-up" this site we are continuing the productive use of existing wind farm sites as well as the same time significantly increasing the clean energy produced. A temporary meteorological station was installed at Crouch Bog in November 2004 to measure and collect data on wind conditions; this will also inform our planning application.

Furthermore, up to dated cartographic surveys was undertaken and included avoidance of environmental designations (Nature 2000 sites, avoidance of curtilage of farm developments and a review of regional and local policies and objectives. Other factors considered included suitable windings, low population density, reasonable proximity to available grid capacity, avoidance of large settlement areas and direct impacts on cultural heritage, nature and communities.

Within the site selection and design process, the following constraints and facilitators have been considered:

- **Consistent Wind** Consistent wind speeds are required for the development of a wind energy project. As the site of the proposed development contains two operational wind farms it is proven as a suitable site for wind energy development.
- **Grid Capacity** Ensuring capacity is sufficient for identifying a suitable location for a wind farm, capacity at a key local capacity is needed to efficiently transmit the electricity to an area of abundance of cables. Such areas were omitted from consideration.
- **Proximity to Sensitive Resources** The proposed turbines will have a minimum set back distance of 220 metres, is 4 times the proposed turbine tip height from occupied dwellings and identified sensitive resources.
- **Environmental Sensitivity and Designations** Environmental sensitivity refers to the ecological sensitivity of a site based on proximity to sensitive areas within or around sites. While wind farm developments are not specifically precluded within Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs), out of an abundance of caution, such areas were omitted from consideration for Crouchmount.

The proposed Crouchmount Wind Farm was designed to take the capacity of the local landscape to receive a wind farm, including the potential for cumulative visual impacts, alongside other wind farms.

Access and Infrastructure: It is proposed to use sites with good access and existing infrastructure in the form of internal wind farm and/or forestry roads and tracks.

The purpose of the site selection process was to identify the optimum location to access the Crouchmount Wind Farm while minimising the potential for impacts on the receiving environment and sensitive resources. The reworking of the Longmound and Dunnell sites, the areas of ground available to develop on and access to the site for turbine components and construction also amount amongst the key considerations in wind farm planning.

Meteorological mast installed at Crouch Bog






Community Benefit Fund

If conserved and constructed **Cumbria's Wind Farm** would include an associated community benefit fund aimed to provide several hundred thousand euros annually, implemented in accordance with government best practice.

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Since 2004, The Kingsmountain and Dunmurry Community Fund has contributed over **£654,000** to local groups in the vicinity of the existing wind farms. In May, SSE marked two decades of community investment in the North-West by launching funding to 14 local groups.



Assessment of funding linked to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunmurry Community Fund, which took place in the Old Schoolhouse, Tumberry in June 2024.

Groups Supported by our Kingsmountain and Dunmurry Community Funds

- In 2023/24 **Dromore West Community Council** received **£2,000** to fit a protective steel cage to recently installed solar panels and tables for the hall.
- We provided funding of **£1,500** in 2022/23 to the **Mayo Beavers Association** to facilitate the delivery of biodiversity workshops to local school children on the importance of bees as pollinators of many trees and flowers that provide vital habitat for various wildlife.
- Tumberry Angling & Rural Action (TARA) received **£18,500** of funding over 5 years supporting projects such as lighting and repairs to the Wynn Lockout Foot on Aughrin Head, coastal planning, and the installation of a bench and defibrillator with signage and secure mooring along the coastal walk.
- St. Mary's National School, Tumberry, received **£35,000** over 15 years for a range of projects that support a lasting legacy in education, well-being, and sustainability.
- St James's GA & LGFA have been awarded **£60,800** over 20 years from both funds which have supported the delivery of several projects including lighting, session equipment upgrades, and the replacement of unsafe goal posts and netting. The fund also supported new jersey's and training gear as well as expert led sessions on key social issues such as mental health, addiction and gambling.



Community Engagement & Project Timeline

Community Engagement

Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all our stakeholders. Through open and early dialogue, we aim to design and build projects that contribute to local sustainable development, while supporting and enhancing a sense of community spirit and solidarity.

Our Project Manager and Community Liaison Officer for Cumnock visited near neighbours within 2km of the proposed new wind farm in April 2024. And we have set regular communications out to all households within 4km of the proposed Cumnock Wind Farm. We have also engaged with a wide variety of additional stakeholders in the locality. County Edge and the North-East more widely.



What happens next?

The feedback we receive from the community will be examined by our project team once our public consultation closes on September 3rd. This may have an impact on how long the development process takes. That said, we aim to submit a planning application for Cumnock to the Cumnock Planning Board (formerly An Bord Pleanála) in Q2 2025. The statutory consultation period for formal comment and submissions will open once the planning application has been lodged. This will be publicised through our planning and newspaper advertisements. Outlined on the right is an indicative timeline encompassing the development of Cumnock Wind Farm from our initial outreach with near neighbours to potential commercial operations date.

Indicative Timeline

- Initial outreach and door-to-door visit to near neighbours
April 2024
- Engagement including with statutory and other community connections
September 2024
- Submission of planning application to Cumnock AG
- Pre-Application Public Consultation and Engagement 2025
- Indicative confirmation from An Bord Pleanála regarding the Board Planning regarding Strategic Development Consent under the 2024 Act
Q4 2025
- Submission Planning Submission Date
Q1 2026
- Statutory Planning Decision Date
2027
- Construction Start Date
2028
- Commercial Operations Date
2031




Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to visit our [public consultation event](#).
We hope you found the information useful.

We welcome your feedback and any queries on the proposed planning application for Crumhachn Wind Farm. Please feel free to contact us via the contact details provided below. You can also fill out a feedback form or contact us via email or post after today's event. An online feedback form will also be available via our virtual consultation room until September 3rd.

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Appendix 9 - Kingsmountain & Dunneill Community Benefit Report, July 2025



Community Benefit Funds

Kingsmountain & Dunneill County Sligo

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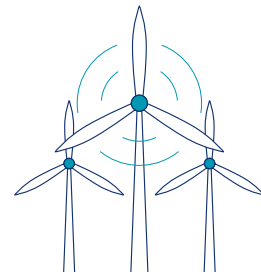
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About our wind farms



SSE Renewables have been investing in communities in Sligo since 2003 when Kingsmountain Wind Farm, which is located to the south of Dromore West entered commercial operations. This was followed in 2010 by Dunneill Wind Farm also located near Dromore West.

Kingsmountain Wind Farm - a 25MW wind farm comprising of 10 turbines that have the capacity to power around 16,500 homes

and can abate around 20,000 tonnes of harmful carbon dioxide emissions every year.

Dunneill Wind Farm - an 11MW wind farm comprising of 13 turbines and can power around 7,500 homes and can abate around 9,000 tonnes of harmful carbon dioxide emissions each year.

New Development Crumhach Wind Farm

SSE Renewables is now seeking to redevelop these sites through the proposed 100MW Crumhach Wind Farm to ensure the continued generation of renewable electricity at this location well into the future.

Crumhach Wind Farm involves the repowering of the Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms, in addition to further greenfield development on nearby lands. Repowering involves the replacement of equipment with new and more modern



Stay Informed about Crumhach Wind Farm Scan QR Code to access the latest updates.



turbines, with existing infrastructure on site such as roads and grid connection being reused where possible.

The proposed development will likely comprise the removal of the 23 existing wind turbines from Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farms and the construction of 17 wind turbines across the proposed site, in addition to an onsite substation.

Key Benefits



Provide up to 100MW of green, renewable energy.



Prevent approximately 70,000 metric tonnes of harmful CO2 being released each year.



Investment in the local economy and communities.



Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.



Contribute to Ireland's binding climate targets.



Annual community benefit fund which could be worth several hundred thousand euros per-annum.

SSE Renewables Focus

Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all our stakeholders. Through open and early dialogue.

We aim to design and build projects that contribute to local sustainable development, while supporting and enhancing a sense of community spirit and solidarity. Our Project Manager

and Community Liaison Officer for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm have already visited near neighbours within 2km of the proposed new wind farm in 2024 with regular updates sent to local and regional stakeholders since then. A public consultation for this project is planned for July-September 2025.

Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are working in close step with the local community and helping to deliver Ireland's renewable energy targets.

Contributions

Crumhach Wind Farm would also be a significant contributor to commercial rates, adding to the contribution which our existing wind farms have already made to the local exchequer, helping to improve infrastructure and services in County Sligo more widely.



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Existing Funds

Presentation of funding linked to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund, which took place in the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy in June 2024.



Vision

To empower local communities to create sustainable, impactful projects that contributes to the social, environmental and economic well-being of local communities, enhance the quality of life for all community members for decades to come.

Mission

To provide financial support to community groups developing projects that reflect local needs, align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and uphold the principles of transparency, empowerment, and inclusion. As a source of private funding, SSE Renewables' voluntary funds can be used to meet

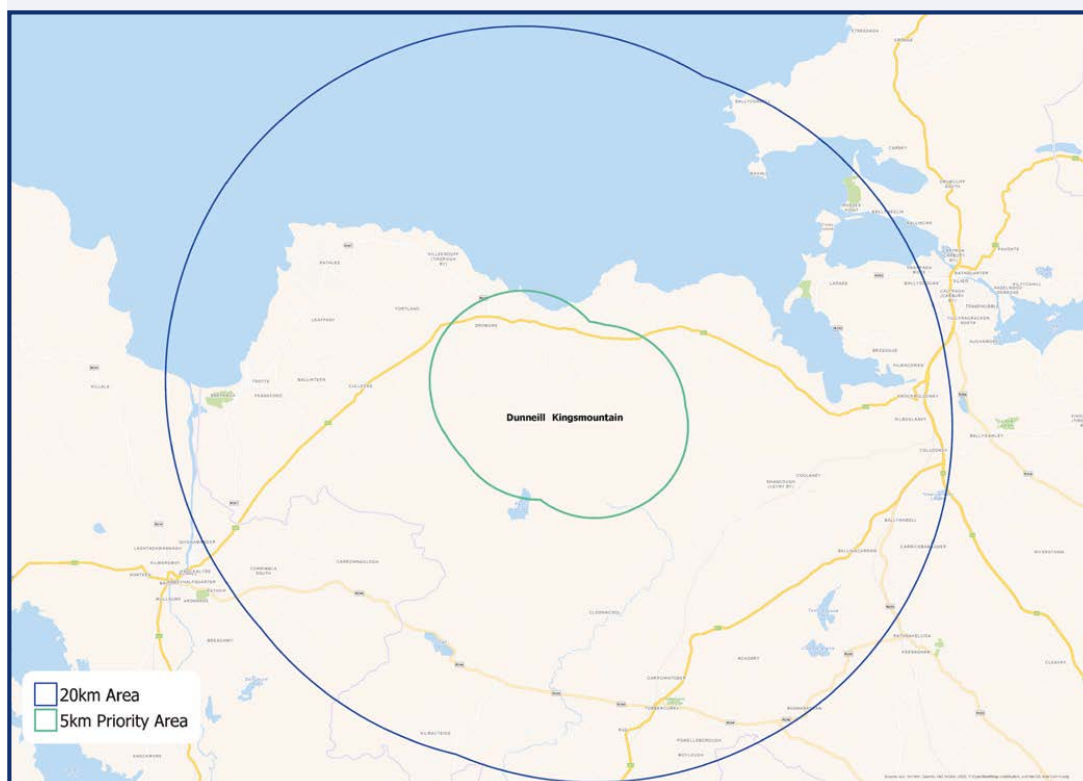
match funding requirement for public funding programmes, helping make applications eligible and enhancing the overall impact and viability of proposed projects.

Who can apply for funding?

The SSE Renewables Community Benefit Funds are designed to support charities and voluntary not-for-profit organisations that provide meaningful, long-term benefit to communities located within a 20km radius of our wind farms, with priority given to projects and organisations based within a 5km radius.

Area of Benefit

The below map outlines the Area of Benefit for Kingsmountain & Dunneill Community Fund with priority given to groups within 5 km, followed by groups within 10 km and then out to 20 km from the centre of the wind farms.



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What can be funded

The existing fund at Kingsmountain and Dunneill considers applications for both capital and revenue funding.

Capital funding

For expenditure on new assets or the enhancement of existing assets. These should deliver clear and lasting benefit to the wider community and are expected to have a useful lifespan of at least 5 years.

Revenue funding

For project-related operational costs such as the delivery of training, workshops, community events or professional fees.

Strategic Objectives

Projects must contribute to one or more of SSE Renewables' Strategic Objectives:

■ Empowering Communities for a Green Transition:

Supporting community-led efforts that reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, promote circular economy practices, and enhance local biodiversity.

■ **Sustainable Communities:** Resilience, Equity and Learning: Building community resilience through inclusive infrastructure, accessible education and skills development, social enterprise, and initiatives that support health and well-being.

Our fund's strategic objectives are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), reflecting our shared commitment to creating lasting, and positive impact in the communities that host our renewable energy projects.

By investing in local initiatives, we seek to promote social inclusion, environmental sustainability, and community well-being, ensuring that the benefits of renewable energy extend beyond clean power to support strong, resilient, and thriving local communities.



Sustainable Communities
Resilience & Equity



Empowering Communities
Green Transition

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



Sustainable Cities & Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



Affordable & Clean

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

13 CLIMATE
ACTION



Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

For more information on the fund timetable, and guidance on how to submit an online application, visit:

SSERenewables.com/SligoFund

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Sligo review

2004/24

€ **€0.654 million**
total investment in Sligo



513 grants
award

2024/25 Overview

€ **€29,000 invested**
in local communities



14 community groups
supported

Crumhach Wind Farm

The proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, if consented and constructed, would include an associated community benefit fund anticipated to be worth several hundred thousand euros annually, implemented in accordance with government best practice.

SSE will conduct multiple local consultation events to disseminate information regarding this fund, adhering to current government guidelines. These events would also facilitate the expression of interest from community members to join a community benefit fund committee.

This committee will be established to ensure the effective allocation of funding in alignment with community needs, with a primary focus on developing a community funding strategy consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



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Bee-ing responsible citizens

€1,500

Awarded from 2021 Dunneill Community Fund

13 CLIMATE ACTION



Mayo Beekeepers



For generations bees have been a common sight in woods and gardens but their numbers in Ireland have been declining rapidly in recent years. The reduction of bees is a significant danger for our communities and our planet. Bees are critical to ensuring that many native Irish plant and flower species are pollinated.

Funding of €1,500 in 2021/22 facilitated the delivery of biodiversity workshops to local school children on the importance of bees as pollinators of many trees and flowers that provide vital habitat for various wildlife.

The provision of biodiversity classes to children allows us to educate children on the importance of bees on our future and the role they play as pollinators. Children leave our classes knowing how essential bees are for the growth of many plants, including food crops and not see them solely as dangerous insects.

Margaret Padden, Volunteer, Mayo Beekeepers

€35,000

Awarded over 13 years from both Community Funds

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



13 CLIMATE ACTION



Building a lasting legacy

St. Mary's National School

St. Mary's National School, Templeboy, received funding for a range of projects that support a lasting legacy in education, well-being, and sustainability.

These include energy upgrades such as cavity wall and attic insulation, solar lighting, and contributions toward an energy management system. Investments in a new playground surface, safety mats, secure goalposts, and an outdoor classroom promote SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 4 (Quality Education), ensuring a safer and more engaging



environment for students. Additional supports include, Covid measures, and updated entrance access, further enhance comfort, safety, and learning conditions. Together, these improvements create a sustainable, inclusive, and future-focused school environment that reflects the values of sustainable community development.

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Community Tourism

Templeboy Aughris Rural Action

With continued support Templeboy Aughris Rural Action (T.A.R.A.), a volunteer-led group dedicated to promoting tourism and protecting local heritage, is enriching the visitor experience along the stunning Aughris Head coastline.

€18,500
Awarded over 9 years from both Community Funds



At the heart of the project is the historic World War 2 lookout tower. A long-standing coastal landmark, the tower is now set for further upgrades with the installation of electricity and lighting, bringing light to the site for the first time in over 100 years.

The fund also supported other community tourism enhancements, including coastal planting to protect and enhance the natural environment, the installation of a recycled plastic bench, and a lifesaving defibrillator,

strategically placed along the 4km coastal walk, with clear signage and secure mounting, providing comfort and safety for both residents and visitors.

Together, these enhancements preserve the areas rich cultural heritage, celebrate its natural environment, and improves visitor accessibility. Through these efforts T.A.R.A. fosters sustainable tourism and community pride, creating an inviting destination for all.

Sports & Recreations

St Farnan's GAA & LGFA

Community benefit funds play a vital role in strengthening local sport and recreation by providing targeted support that enhances safety, sustainability, and community well-being.

These funds are crucial in supporting local clubs by enabling targeted improvements in facilities, safety, equipment and sustainability – strengthening both clubs and community well-being.

St Farnan's have successfully implemented several infrastructure improvements aimed at enhancing player safety and overall facility quality. Projects supported include: lighting, energy efficiency upgrades, and the replacement of unsafe goal posts and ball stop nets. Funding was also provided for new jersey's, training gear, and most recently the club installed a refillable water dispenser and provided reusable bottles to members, dramatically cutting single-use plastic waste at the pitch. This initiative complements previous sustainability efforts, such as the installation of solar panels to heat the water for the



€40,800
Awarded over 20 years from both Community Funds



changing rooms. Beyond infrastructure, these funds have supported the club to run expert led sessions on key social issues like mental health, addiction, and gambling, offering valuable education for players, parents and the community.

Overall community benefit funds enhance safety, participation, and well-being in local sport and recreation. These initiatives not only strengthen the club's infrastructure and operations but also contribute positively to the wider community.

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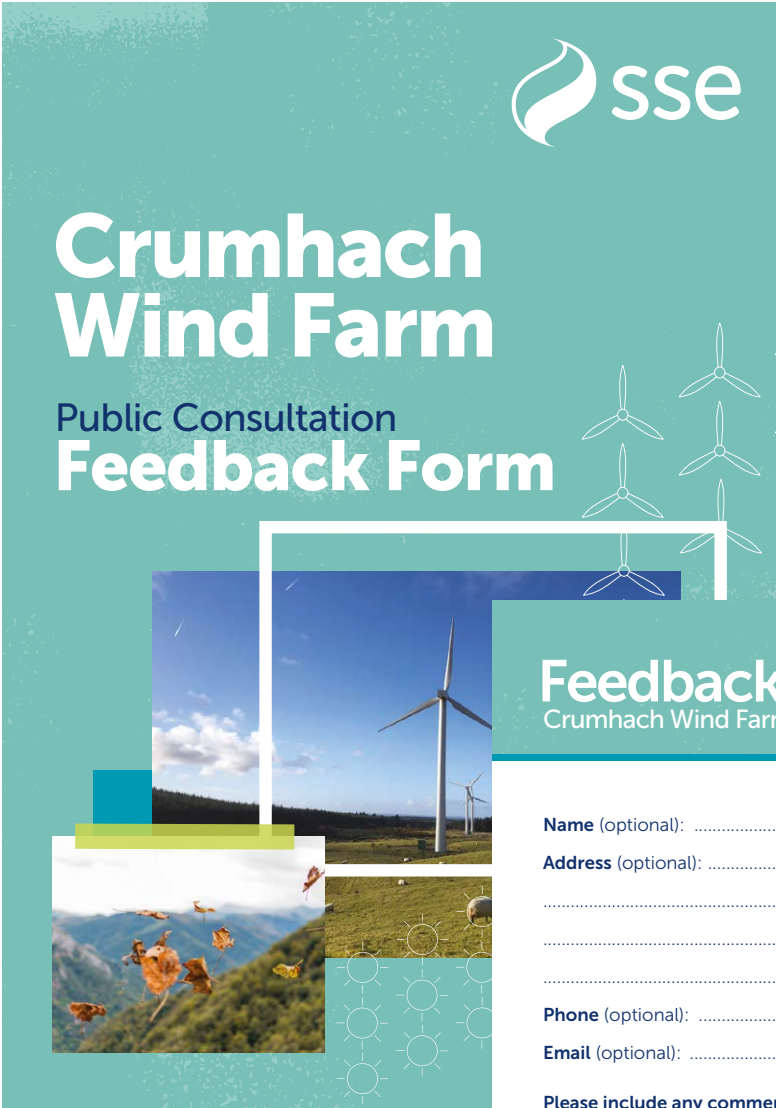
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Feedback Form

Crumhach Wind Farm

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Address (optional):

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Phone (optional):

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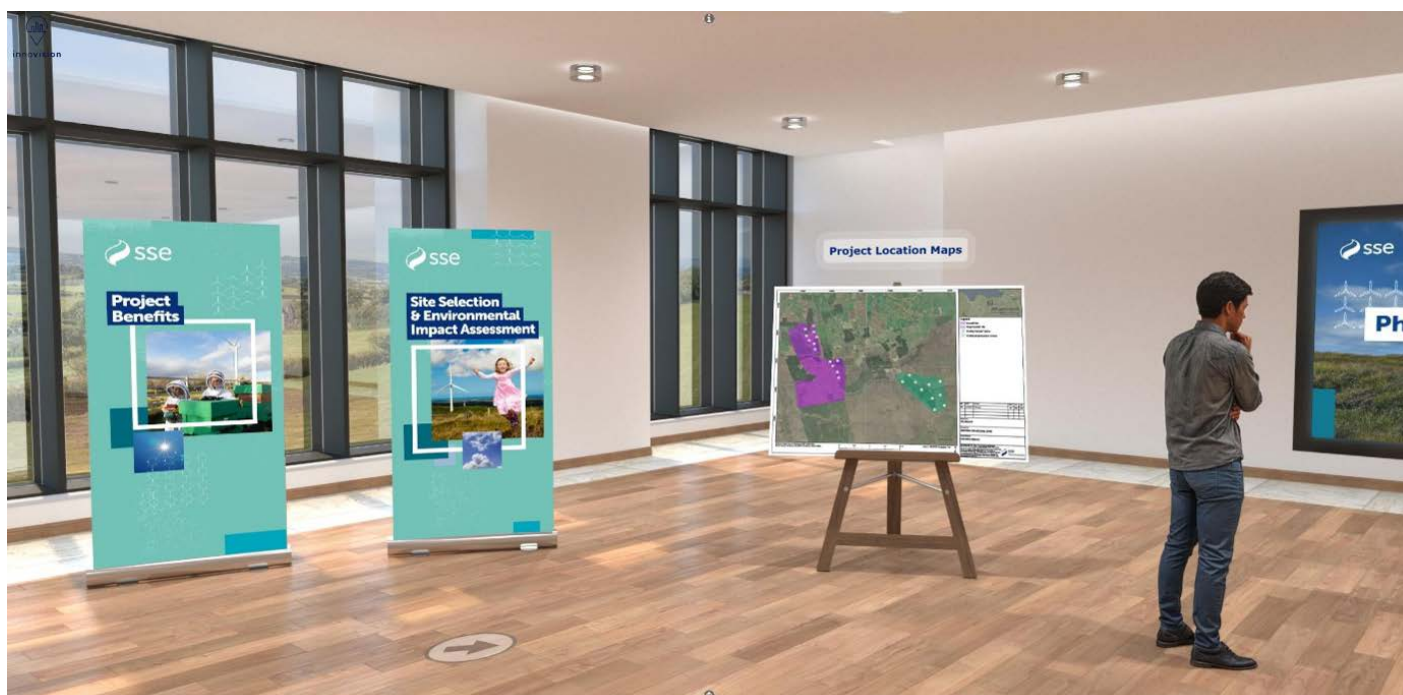
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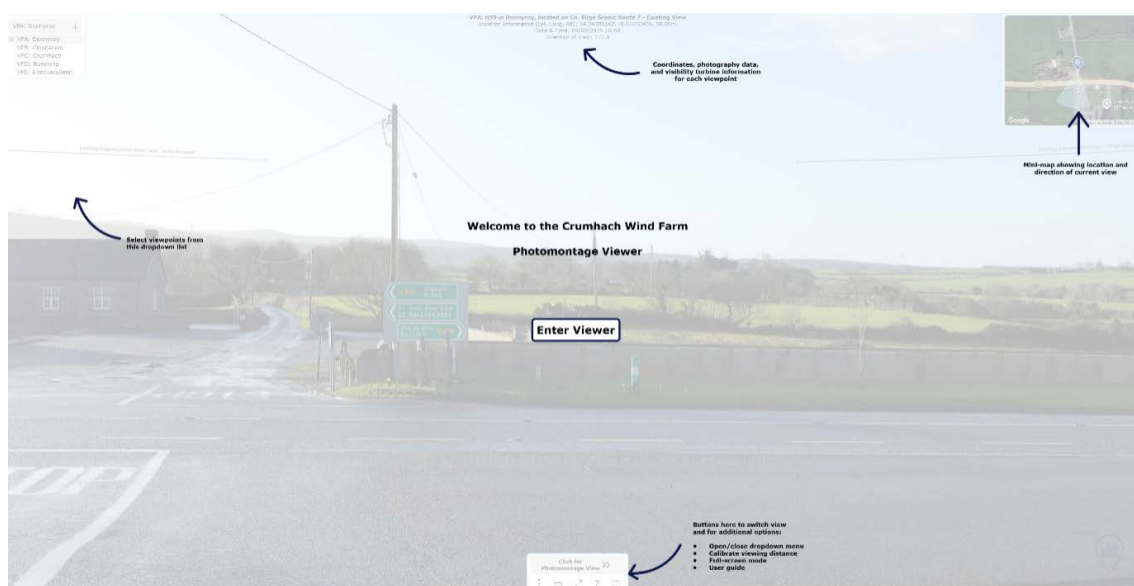
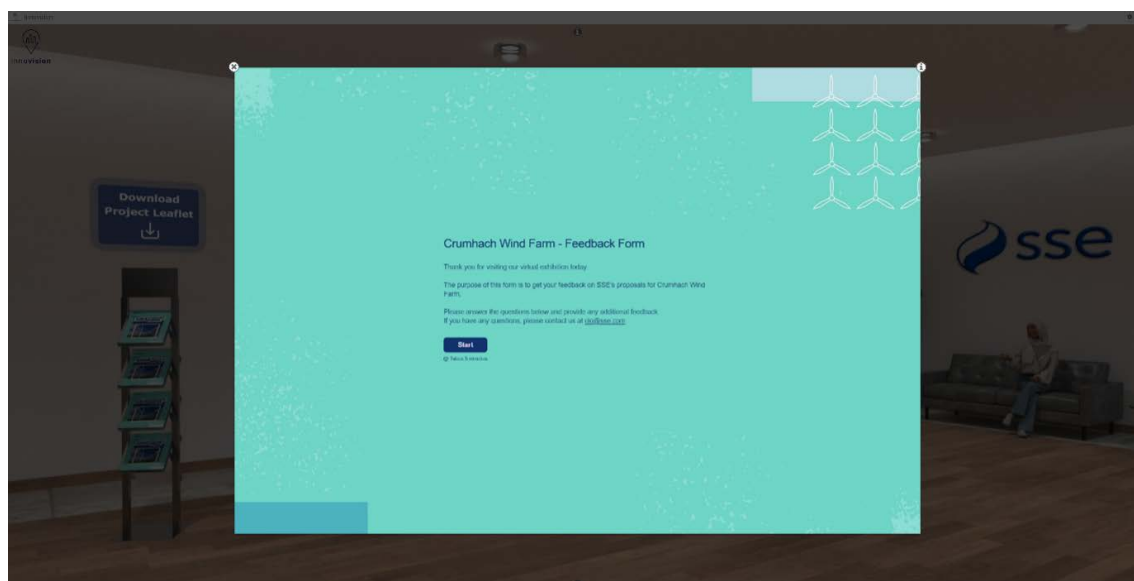
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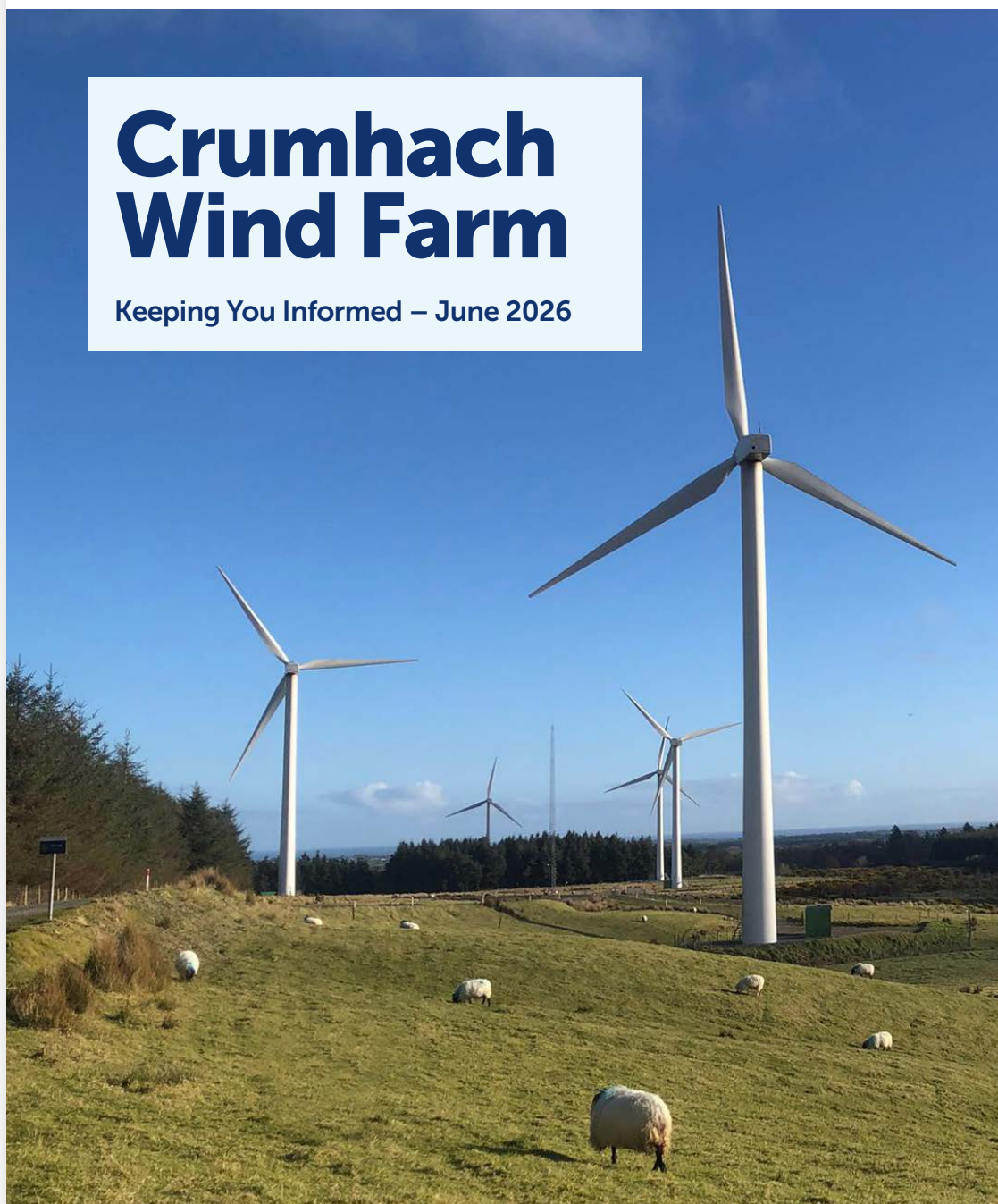
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Project Update

SSE will shortly submit a planning application for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm to An Coimisiún Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) under the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) process, for projects of national importance.

This follows a programme of local and community stakeholder engagement that has been ongoing since early 2024. As part of this process, SSE undertook a six-week, pre-planning community consultation from the 23rd July to 3rd September 2025, providing an opportunity to hear directly from the local community and gather feedback on the proposed development.

Project information was made available at in-person events held at Dromore West Community Centre and the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy on the 23rd and 24th July respectively. For those unable to attend, information, alongside and online feedback form, was made available through a virtual consultation room to ensure broad accessibility. The

consultation events were free to attend and enabled members of the public to learn more about the proposals and engage directly with the project team.

Following submission of the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála, and once the application is confirmed as complete, a statutory period for members of the public to make submissions or observations will open. This will be publicised in accordance with planning requirements, including through site notices and newspaper advertisements. The planning application documents will also be available to view via an independent website.

Under Irish planning law, renewable energy projects over 50MW are typically classified as SID and the planning application may be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála, rather than the local authority. This streamlined process ensures that projects critical to Ireland's energy and climate goals are assessed efficiently while still allowing for full public participation and environmental scrutiny.



The first of two public consultation events which took place on the 23rd of July 2025 in Dromore West Community Centre.

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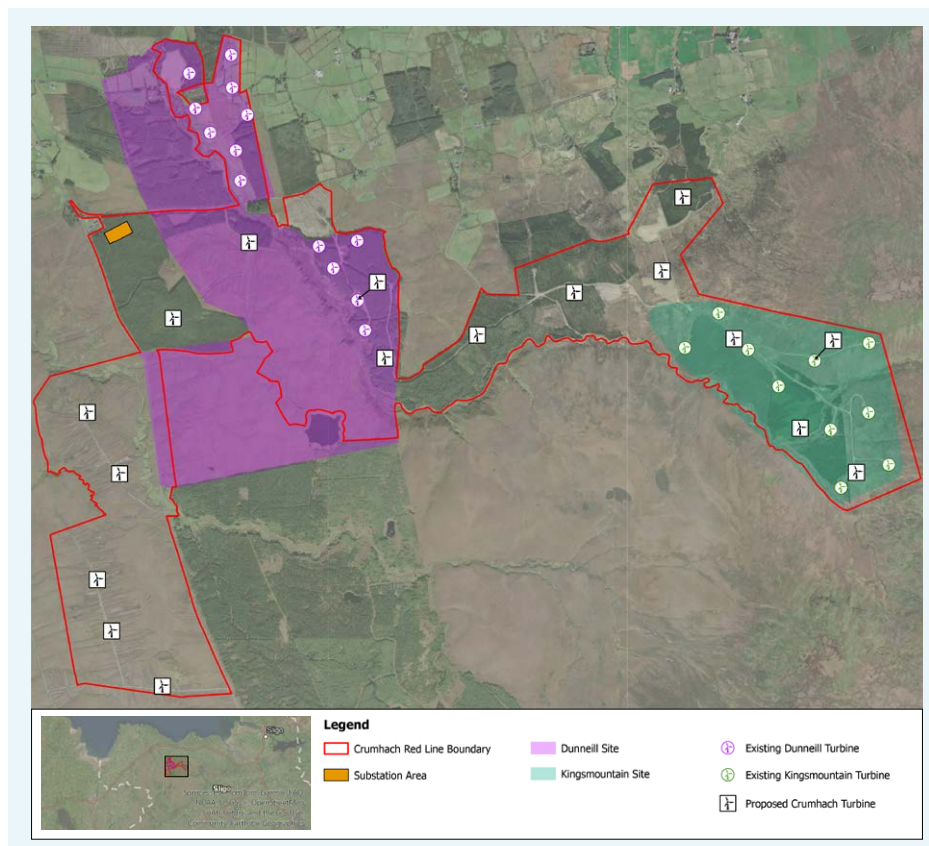
Project Overview

In West Sligo, SSE has operated existing Kingsmountain Wind Farm since 2003, and the neighboring Dunneill Wind Farm since 2010. Together, both wind farms constitute over 36MW of clean energy, powering Irish homes and businesses and removing harmful carbon dioxide emissions from Ireland's electricity fuel mix in addition to providing a significant economic boost to the region. Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are now seeking to secure and extend our over two-decade long presence in Sligo

The proposed Crumhach Wind Farm involves the redevelopment of the existing

Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farm sites, along with new development on lands located between and to the west and south-west of these sites, including areas of Coillte-owned land. The project would see the existing turbines decommissioned and replaced, with on-site infrastructure such as access roads and grid connection equipment reused where possible.

In short, the proposed development is proposed to include the removal of 23 existing turbines (10 at Kingsmountain and 13 at Dunneill) and the construction of 17 new turbines across the site, along with a new on-site substation.



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The layout for Crumhach Wind Farm comprises 17 turbines, with a maximum tip height of 180m, with the proposed wind farm capable of generating up to 102MW of energy. In addition to the turbines themselves, the development comprises several principal components. These include hardstand areas and access roads, underground cables to transport the electricity to the substation, borrow pits for the sourcing of rock on site and spoil management areas. In addition, turbine delivery route upgrades, an on-site substation, and an underground electrical connection to the national electricity grid will be required.

This provides an opportunity for areas within and adjacent to the site to be used for other purposes, such as sustainable farming and biodiversity enhancement. SSE Renewables will implement its Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) policy, which is an approach to development that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was in pre-development. It focuses on the change in the biodiversity value of a site, comparing the pre and post construction biodiversity values to ensure a positive impact overall. SSE Renewables is committed to achieving BNG on onshore renewable energy sites consented from 2025 onwards.

Grid Connection and Turbine Delivery Route

The proposed wind farm will connect to the national grid via the proposed onsite 110kV substation and a new grid connection route to the Srananagh 220kV substation in East Sligo. The project will also utilise the existing grid connection route to the Cunghill 110kV substation, south-east of the site. A separate planning application will be brought forward for the new grid connection route and will be designed in line with Eirgrid standards.

Turbine components will be delivered via the national and regional road network from Killybegs through Donegal and Sligo to the site. Traffic and transport impacts will be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment to be included with our planning application.



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Project Benefits

Community

Over its operational lifetime, Crumhach Wind Farm will provide ongoing benefits to the local area, including an annual community benefit fund to support local initiatives and projects.

Economic

The project will deliver meaningful benefits to the local and regional economy, including:

- The creation of approximately 80–100 jobs during construction and 2–3 long-term operational roles.
- Annual commercial rates contributions to Sligo County Council, supporting local services and infrastructure.
- Investment in the local economy through supply chain opportunities and indirect employment.

Climate

Onshore wind projects such as Crumhach Wind Farm are also a key part of Ireland's transition to a cleaner, more sustainable energy system. The project will support Ireland's legally binding target of achieving net-zero emissions by no later than 2050 by providing a reliable, low-carbon source of electricity, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and enhancing energy security.

Key Benefits



Provide up to 102MW of green, renewable energy.



Investment in the local economy and communities.



Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.



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Community Benefit Funding

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be established to ensure the effective allocation of funding in alignment with community needs, with a primary focus on developing a community funding strategy consistent with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Since 2004, the voluntarily operated Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Benefit Fund has contributed over €650,000 to local groups. Over this period, the fund has supported communities in delivering sustainable, impactful projects that contribute to social, environmental and economic wellbeing.



Presentation of funding linked to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund, which took place in the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy in June 2024.

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Project Benefits

Through early and ongoing engagement, we have worked to ensure, where possible, that the views of the local community are reflected in the evolution of the Crumhach Wind Farm project. We would like to thank all those who have taken the time to engage with us, whether through direct conversations, emails and at our consultation events last summer / autumn. This input has been an important part of the project's development to date.

As noted, we are now progressing towards the next stage of the process, with the intention of submitting a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála shortly. This will mark an important milestone for the project, and we look forward to continuing to keep the local community informed as the project progresses.

Outlined to the right is a project timeline for Crumhach Wind Farm indicating progress to date and next steps for the project.

Indicative Timeline

- Initial outreach and door-to-door visit to near neighbours
April 2024
- Environmental scoping with statutory and other consultees commences
September 2024
- Meteorological Mast installed at Crowagh Bog
November 2024
- Pre-Application Public Consultation
July-September 2025
- Indicative Planning Submission Date
Q2 2026
- Expected Planning Decision Date
2027
- Construction Start Date
2029
- Commercial Operations Date
2031



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About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables is a leading developer and operator of renewable energy generation, focusing on onshore and offshore wind farms, hydro-electric power and flexible battery storage technologies. It is part of electricity infrastructure company SSE plc, a FTSE100 company with operations across the UK and Ireland, and a presence in carefully selected international markets. SSE Renewables delivers clean power assets to increase SSE's operational renewable generation capacity as part of the company's five-year investment plan to 2030. This includes delivery of the world's largest offshore wind farm in construction, the 3.6GW Dogger Bank Wind Farm. SSE Renewables operates some of the leading onshore wind farms in Ireland including the 174MW Galway Wind Park in Connemara and the 73MW Slieve Kirk Wind Park outside Derry City.

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