

North Tipperary renewable energy schemes reach significant milestone

Tipperary Star Reporter

TWO large north Tipperary renewable energy projects are reaching their closing stages, as roads are repaired near Upchurch Wind Farm and construction is finished on a 230-hectare Roscrea solar farm.

In Upchurch, road reinstatement works associated with the Wind Farm will begin on Monday next week, with work beginning on the local roads in the Newport area along with sections of the main road between Newport and Upchurch.

Local councillor Cllr Fiona Bonfield welcomed the news, and acknowledged the "considerable cooperation and patience" shown by locals throughout the construction period.

"We are very conscious of the disruption and inconvenience that large-scale infrastructure projects can bring to local communities, and we would like to sincerely thank everyone in



Newport, Rearcross, Kilcommon Upchurch and the surrounding areas for their patience, understanding and continued support while these necessary works were being carried out."

The Upchurch Wind Farm project remains on schedule for completion and commissioning by July 2027.

Meanwhile, the 230 hectare Erkina Solar Park has reached

a milestone, as Soleire Renewables announced that construction was now finished on the project.

The Solar Park comprises three interconnected sites at

Erkina, Derrymore and Monaircha and will, say the company, have the capacity to power 37,000 homes. The solar farm is the largest of its kind, with an investment of €130 million into

the project.

The solar farm was developed around existing wind turbines, and the energy generated will be exported directly to the national grid.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000, AS AMENDED, NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 177A(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) notice is hereby given that Tipperary County Council proposes to seek approval of An Coimisiún Pleanála to carry out a proposed development at:

Location: No.85/86 Mulkear View, Tullow, Newport, Co. Tipperary:

Description:

- The Demolition and removal of No.85 Mulkear View (footprint of 62m²), and the Construction of a ground floor side extension of 18m², for No.86 Mulkear View, in its place.
 - There will be no drainage or service alterations required as all surface drainage, stormwater drainage and foul sewer drainage will connect to the existing infrastructure onsite.
 - There will be no change in the site use or site capacity for existing drainage and wastewater infrastructure.
 - Wastewater will continue to be treated at the local Newport WWTP.
 - All earthworks will be contained within the site boundary.
- The development proposed partially encroaches into a Special Area of Conservation, namely SAC 002165 Lower River Shannon.

A Natura Impact Statement has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. An Coimisiún Pleanála may give approval for the development with or without conditions, or may refuse the application for development.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development together with the Natura Impact Statement will be available for inspection, free of charge, at Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary between 9.30 am and 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays) for a period from Wednesday the 2nd September 2026 to Friday the 16th October 2026. A copy may be purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, if carried out, relating to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned.
 - The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
 - The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.
- May be made within the period specified above;
- online at <http://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations>

Or

- In writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála at the following address:
An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1, D01 V902.