

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN COIMISIÚN PLEANALA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY KILKENNY

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), **ECOPOWER DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED** gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for a windfarm and ancillary works (**Gathabawn Windfarm**) in the townlands of **Coolnacrutta; Glashare; Ballylehaun; Gorteenamuck; Rathlogan; Ballyring Upper; Ballyring Lower; and Tentore** and temporary access road and temporary road widening in **Foyle South, Coolcashin and Garrydague townlands, all in County Kilkenny**.

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive (EU) 2023/2413) and it is important to note that the Planning Application is subject to a completeness check under section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. When a notice issues in accordance with section 37A(b), the provisions of article 216A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2026 shall apply.

The proposed Gathabawn Windfarm development will comprise the following elements;

Twelve (12) wind turbines with a rotor diameter of 136m. Two hub heights are proposed - 82m for Turbine T6, T7 & T9, and 102m for all other turbines, thus giving an uppermost tip height of 150m for T6, T7 & T9, and 170m for all other turbines. Construction of 12 No. turbine foundations and adjacent hardstandings;

Site roads of 8km in total length, comprising 6.7km in length of new roads and the upgrading and widening of 1.3km of existing private farm tracks;

Two (2) electrical Control Buildings- one in the Ballylehaun area and one in the Ballyring area. The buildings measure 20m x 10m, with a height of 7m and contain electrical and communications equipment, along with a storage room, canteen and welfare facilities;

Underground electrical cabling linking the wind turbines together into a turbine 'string' and ultimately connect these strings to the two Control Buildings;

One (1) 30m lattice tower mast and one (1) LiDAR unit for measuring on-site meteorological conditions;

Seven (7) site entrances from the public road, comprising both existing and newly created entrances;

Temporary works to facilitate the transport of the large components to the turbine locations. These works comprise temporary access roads; some minor public road widening; temporary hardstanding areas; and temporary widening of existing field entrances off the public road;

Installation of an integrated drainage system to manage surface water run-off during all phases of the proposed development;

All associated infrastructure, services and ancillary site works including excavation, earthworks, temporary and permanent overburden storage berms; temporary and permanent fencing; and hedgerow and tree removal, reinstatement and enhancement;

Two (2) temporary construction compounds and two (2) on-site temporary borrow pits;

Creation of Biodiversity Areas for the protection, enhancement and creation of habitats to serve as a functioning high level biodiversity resource for local flora and fauna communities.

The Applicant is seeking a period of 10-years during which Gathabawn Windfarm can be constructed and an operational duration of 35-years from the date of commissioning of the windfarm. **An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this planning application.**

The grid connection point for the proposed Gathabawn Windfarm, has not yet being confirmed by Eirgrid but is likely to be the Eirgrid Ballyragget Substation, to the east of the proposed windfarm site. This proposed grid connection (to be called Candidate Gathabawn Grid Connection in the Gathabawn Windfarm application documents) comprises the construction of a new substation and substation compound at Parksgrove townland c.5km to the east of the windfarm site; underground cabling along the public road c. 5.6km in length between the Ballylehaun and Ballyring Control Buildings under the L5818, L5821, L5820, L1806, and L18062 public roads; an 8.8km cross-country underground cable route from the Ballyring Control Building to Parksgrove townland, with three public roads crossings of the L1808, L1811 and L1807. Completing the grid connection by 1.5km of underground cabling and a crossing of the N77 National Road and the River Nore, from the new substation at Parksgrove to the Eirgrid Ballyragget Substation at Moatpark, just north of Ballyragget town. **The Candidate Gathabawn Grid Connection as described above, is not included as part of this Planning Application,** it will be subject to a separate Planning Application, but this proposed grid connection is considered in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Appropriate Assessment Report, in order to facilitate the cumulative evaluation of the whole Gathabawn Windfarm project.

The turbines will be delivered from the port of entry using the motorway network as far as Portlaoise. Some temporary street furniture removal will be required on the M7/N77 interchange at Portlaoise. These off-site activities do not form part of the subject application but are considered herein for in-combination effects. From the Portlaoise M7/N77 interchange, the turbines will be transported down the **N77, straight through Abbeyleix and Durrow towns, onto the R639 and straight through Cullahill village before turning left off the R639 onto the L5814 at Coolnacrutta.** No works or activities are required in Abbeyleix, Durrow or Cullahill to facilitate the movement of the turbine components through these settlements.

The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) may be inspected, free of charge, or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of **seven weeks commencing on 7th October 2026** at the following locations:

The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902;

The Offices of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny R95 A39T.

The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.gathabawnwindfarmplanning.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ('the Commission') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902, in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks, relating to;

The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;

The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;

The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations **must be accompanied by a fee of €50** (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission **not later than 5.30pm. on the 25th November 2026.** Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

the name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf (if any) and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent, and

the subject matter of the submission or observation, and

the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2021 (as amended) refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Commission. The Commission may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie). The Commission may in respect of an application for permission/approval, decide to:-

1. grant the permission, or

2. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or

3. grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the forgoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or

4. refuse to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. (01) 858 8100 or Lo-call 1800 275 175).

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Legal Notices-Judicial Review Notices' on the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed: Pat Brett, Director Ecopower Developments Limited, Zetec House, IDA Purcellsinnch Business Park, Kilkenny R95 PX5X

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We Tom and Sinead Phelan intend applying to the above authority for full planning permission for: to renovate and extend existing dwelling house to include a family apartment, decommission existing septic tank and install a new a septic tank and percolation area and all necessary and associated site works at Castletown, Crosspatrick, Co Kilkenny E42EN23.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny during its public opening hours 9a.m.-1.00p.m and 2.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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We, Newpark Hotel Ltd, hereby apply for Full Planning Permission to demolish the existing curtain wall entrance structure to the main function rooms located at the side of Newpark Hotel, for the construction of a new single storey Orangery structure (circa 306M2) incorporating new entrance to the side and rear of the existing function rooms of Newpark Hotel together with all associated site works on our lands located at Newpark Lower, Castlecomer Road Kilkenny R95P2N0. Newpark Gate Lodge, a protected structure Ref No B227 lies within the curtilage of the proposed development.

The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Michael Condon MRJAI, Architect, MRC Design Ltd – 1 City Wall, James Street, Kilkenny Ph. 087 2032869

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Full planning permission is being sought by Conor Lennon and Michaela Hogan for the erection of a dormer style dwelling, domestic garage, private well, onsite wastewater treatment system, all associated site and landscaping works including new site entrance at Tinnapark, Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny.

The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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We, Martin & Seamus Brophy, intend to apply to Kilkenny County Council for Permission for development consisting of the construction of (a) a 5bay cubicle shed with underground slurry storage tank, (b) an extension to existing cubicle shed and underground slurry storage tank, (c) construction of concrete walling double site together with all associated site works at Ballyuoskull, Co. Kilkenny. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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Planning permission is sought to construct a bungalow, install a waste water treatment unit and polishing filter, construct a new vehicular entrance and all ancillary site-works at Cloneen, Castlecomer, Co.Kilkenny. Signed : Cian Young and Sarah Rooney. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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We, Paddy Raggett Homes Limited intend to apply for planning permission for a new residential development of 35 dwellings, access provided via an existing spur road at Chapel View.

The proposed development consists of 14 No. type A two storey three bedroom semi-detached dwellings, 6 No. type B two storey four bedroom semi-detached dwellings, 6 No. type C/C1, dual aspect two storey four bedroom semi-detached dwellings, 4 No. type D two storey three bedroom townhouses, 5 No. type E two storey four bedroom detached dwellings. The provision of public open space; landscaping and boundary treatments and new planting, water and utility services and connections, public lighting and all enabling and ancillary development works above and below ground including a new ESB sub station, the provision of a temporary construction access for the duration of works from the L8201 Stonecarthy East Road.

At Chapel View, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny.

A N.I.S. (Natura Impact Statement) has been submitted with the application and is available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy.

The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission. Signed: Mark Bannon, PBA architects RIAI 98013, Stoneyford, Kilkenny. 087 6196527 For and on behalf of Paddy Raggett Homes Limited

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL

I Shaun Gloady am applying to Kilkenny county council for retention permission for a single storey extension to side & rear of existing dwelling as constructed and associated site works at Listerlin, Tullogher, Co Kilkenny. Signed on behalf of the applicant by Helena Byrne, Coole, Campile, New Ross, Co Wexford 087 8372910

The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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Permission to build new Press/Camera box, and associated site works on our land at Moat, Freshford, Co.Kilkenny. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission. Signed St Lachains GAA Club

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We, Philip Kevin O'Shea & Michael Martin O'Shea, intend to apply for planning permission for the installation of a farm gate on our lands and all associated site works at Ballen Lower, Freshford, Co Kilkenny.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny during its public opening hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission. Signed: Byrne & McCabe Design Ltd (059 9725684).

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Permission to demolish existing shed, utility room and build new utility room and wet room and associated site works at 10 St Josephs Terrace, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny during its public opening hours 9 a.m.- 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the planning application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

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