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Community Engagement Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Community Engagement Report was prepared by MKO on behalf of Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited (a subsidiary of Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables (AIR)) to document the process of community consultation and public engagement during the pre-planning phase of the 10 No. wind turbines 'Proposed Wind Farm' and associated 'Proposed Grid Connection route' called 'Killoshulan Wind Farm'. Together the Proposed Wind Farm and Proposed Grid Connection route are referred to as ''Proposed Project" located Co. Kilkenny. AIR is an Irish-owned company based in Co Limerick.

The report sets out how the objectives of a proactive community engagement approach have been met and further demonstrates AIR's commitment to a programme of ongoing engagement with the local community over the lifespan of the project.

This report will outline the steps that AIR have taken since project inception to ensure transparent community engagement through all phases of the project to date. It will also demonstrate the values and objectives applied by AIR to the processes of public consultation and stakeholder engagement. Effective and timely community consultation is important to ensure that communities have a say and are heard. Engaging with stakeholders enables developers of projects to understand their needs, their preferences and their expectations. It can also help build trust.

This report has been prepared in line with the requirements as set out in the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines (December 2019) – Community Engagement which state that developers of wind farms should, in advance of submitting applications for planning permission, take "active steps to: inform local communities as they begin to develop their proposals; take the views of local communities into account in designing their proposals; demonstrate what practical effect that process of engagement has had; and, set out how the project will perform as a good neighbour in the context of the long-term economic and social development of the community or communities within which it is situated."

All community engagement activities have been carried out according to the fundamental principle that proactive consultation and open discussion with local stakeholders is a crucial element of any wind energy project. In carrying out these community engagement activities, AIR put the community at the heart of the process to ensure meaningful consultation was carried out which generated goodwill and feedback.

1.1 Background to Community Consultation

Prior to the commencement of community engagement, AIR appointed MKO to consult on the process. MKO devised a Community Engagement Strategy which set out the steps involved in the community consultation approach and introduced a phased timeline for the successful rollout of the engagement process. The developers were cognisant at all times of the need to include the local community in every stage of the process and to ensure openness, transparency and inclusiveness in the development of this critical project.

Initial meetings were held between AIR and MKO in March 2024, prior to the commencement of the public consultation process. The purpose of these meetings was to establish the specific goals of the consultation programme and to plot out the steps required.

Arising from these meetings, Mark Higgins of MKO was appointed as Community Liaison Officer (CLO) on the project. The CLO had the responsibility for acting as the first point of contact for members of the public with questions or queries about the Proposed Project. A dedicated CLO email address and phone

number were established in March 2024 to allow members of the public to communicate directly with the project team.

In 2026, Declan Dooley of Morland Land Property Services Ltd took over the role as CLO on the project, with responsibility for acting as the point of contact for members of the public with questions or queries about the Proposed Project. Declan was given access to the dedicated CLO email address, and a dedicated phone number was established to allow members of the public to communicate directly with the project team.

1.1.1 Objectives of Community Consultation

Before the process of community consultation was initiated, it was important to make clear the specific objectives and goals of the process. The overarching philosophy of the project team was to manage communications around the Killoshulan Wind Farm, to provide clear, accurate and timely information to members of the local community, and to provide the means and opportunities by which the local community could give their feedback, ask questions, or lodge complaints about the Proposed Project.

As such, the primary objectives of the community consultation process were as follows:

- To put the needs of the local community at the centre of the engagement process;
- To identify the appropriate groups with whom to engage, based on their proximity to the Proposed Project and the impact the development was likely to have on their day-to-day lives.
- To reach out to the community in a manner that was timely, proactive and respectful.
- To identify the main concerns expressed by members of the community in relation to the Proposed Project and to address these concerns as comprehensively as possible.
- To create and maintain an open, two-way dialogue between the developers and the local community for the duration of the development process, beginning in the pre-planning phase and continuing through to project realisation and operation.
- To counteract the potential spread of speculation and misinformation relating to the Proposed Project.

The Community Engagement Strategy, in which the process of community consultation was laid out, was an evolving document which could be continually reviewed and amended throughout the consultation process to reflect both the specific aspects of the project as they were encountered as well as community feedback.

2. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation process consisted of a range of different methodologies. These included:

- The setting up of a dedicated project email address and CLO phone number.
- The design and development of a project website with frequently updated information on the project and contact information.
- Use of several different channels of communication including face-to-face meetings, email, phone calls, door-knocking and online tools.
- Direct engagement with local political representatives including local councillors, TDs and senators.
- Door-to-door engagement with residents within a 1.5km radius of the Proposed Wind Farm site.
- Wider consultation with groups, clubs and businesses within a 5km radius of the development, to consist of a mailout of an introductory letter and a project brochure, with additional follow-up meetings held when requested.
- A Virtual Consultation Room on the project website.
- A Public Information Event

2.1 Door-to-Door Engagement

Given the rural nature of the area in question and the relatively low density of houses, it was decided that door-to-door consultation would be merited at every house within a 1.5km radius of the Proposed Wind Farm.

General Information leaflet drop

In April 2026, the project CLO commenced the programme of 'door-knocking' and leaflet drop in the designated zone. Over the course of 28th, 29th, 30th April 2024, all houses (100+) within a 1.5km distance from the Proposed Wind Farm were visited (map provided in Appendix 1), alongside all schools and GAA / sports clubs servicing the catchment area, and all local Shops & business in the locality - as per MKO instructions and list of business provided.

Where the door was answered, the CLO introduced the project and MKO's involvement. The benefits to the local community as well as the wider environmental benefits and how the Proposed Project aligned to the Government's climate action targets were explained. The CLO also explained the process of ongoing community engagement, the many channels available to the residents to get in touch with the project team, and next steps. Feedback was invited. The CLO also met with a number of people, some of which voiced their concern regarding the Proposed Project.

Each resident was given a brochure (see Appendix 2) with information on the Proposed Project, such as the location of the development study area, the estimated project timeline and contact details. Residents were also given a feedback questionnaire (see Appendix 3) and asked to respond with any concerns or questions they may have. The questionnaire asked four questions about the development:

- If the Proposed Project is developed, what types of benefits should the Killoshulan Wind Farm provide to the local community?
- Do you have any concerns about this proposed wind farm and if so, what are they?
- Have you any further comments in relation to the Proposed Project?

- Killoshulan Renewable Energy Ltd is committed to keeping the local community informed about the Proposed Project. Please help us identify any other local groups which you feel should be consulted with.

A small number of households had followed up queries, generally the feedback was mixed and residents appreciated the community engagement.

PIE leaflet Drop

In August 2026, the project CLO Declan Dooley commenced a programme of 'door-knocking' and leaflet drop, including an advertisement for the upcoming PIE, in the designated zone. Over the course of 19th, 20th & 21st August 2026, all houses (100+) within a 1.5km distance from the Proposed Wind Farm were visited (map provided in Appendix 1), alongside all schools and GAA / sports clubs servicing the catchment area, and all local shops & business in the locality. The CLO took this time to explain how the Proposed Project had evolved and how feedback from the first Door-to-Door event. The CLO also explained the channels available to the residents to get in touch with the project team remained available and encouraged those who wished discuss the Proposed Project further to reach out via those channels.

Similar to the first leaflet drop event, a small number of households had followed up queries, generally the feedback was mixed and residents appreciated the community engagement.

2.2 Wider Community Consultation

Businesses, schools, groups and clubs within a 5km radius of the Proposed Wind Farm site received an information pack containing an introductory letter, project brochure and questionnaire during the 'door-knocking' exercise in April 2025. These project brochures contained up-to-date information on the project plans, including:

- An outline description of the project.
- Information about the design team, AIR and MKO.
- The main advantages and benefits of wind energy.
- Details of the planning process and next steps.
- Information about the Community Benefit Fund.
- Contact information.

The CLO delivered information packs to a number of GAA representatives from clubs in the area. Such GAA clubs included Fenian's GAA Club, Galmoy GAA Club, Lisdowney GAA Club, Urlingford GAA Club, and Lochtains GAA Club.

A number of National Schools received information packs on the May 5th, 2026 including Freshford National School (NS), Urlingford NS, St Kieran's NS, Gathabawn NS (AKA Creenhill National School), Clontubrid Catholic Mixed NS, Coláiste Mhuire Secondary School.

The CLO also delivered information packs to a number of local businesses including Lynchs, Spar, Morrissey, and Centra.

2.3 Engagement with Public Representatives

As part of the community consultation process, 6 no. Councillors of the Municipal District of Castlecomer and 5 no. TDs of Carlow and Kilkenny were contacted on 2 no. occasions. Firstly in April 2026 they were notified of the Door-to Door Engagement consultation. Secondly in August 2026 they received an invitation to the PIE. On both occasions they received an information pack and brochure on the Proposed Project. 1 no. response was received declining the invitation to the PIE and none of the public representatives made themselves known at the PIE.

2.4 Project Website

A dedicated project website (https://Killoshulanwindfarm.com) was designed and went live on the 28th of April 2026 on the same day as the first Door-to Door Engagement was carried out. The website was constantly updated with the latest information over the following months as the project plans took shape. The website contained an FAQ section answering the most frequently asked questions about the development, as well as details about the government's wind energy policies under the Climate Action Plan. The website also contained contact information.

In September 2026, on the day of the Public Information Event, the Virtual Consultation Room went live on the project website. This interactive online space contained the most detailed plans of the project yet, including:

- An introduction to the project and a list of the environmental and economic benefits for the local community.
- An explanation of how the Community Benefit Fund can benefit the area.
- Further information on site constraints, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), the planning process and the planned next steps.
- Photomontage impressions showing what the turbines, if built, would look like from six locations surrounding the development site at varying distances and angles.

The information displayed on the project website was the same information presented at the Public Information Event.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENT

The Public Information Event (PIE) was organised for Tuesday, September 1st, 2026 (see image taken at PIE in Plate 1 below). The venue chosen for the event was the Graine Community Hall, County Kilkenny, this location was chosen during feedback from the local residents closest to the proposed wind farm site. The event was staged between 3pm and 8pm and was attended by representatives of the project team including:

- Neil O'Brien, AIR
- Delcan Dooley, Morland and Property Services Ltd, Project CLO
- Eoin McCarthy, MKO Project Director
- Jonny Fearon, MKO Project Environmental Scientist,
- Gus McCarthy, AIR.

3.1 Event Advertisement

To bring the PIE to the attention of as many people as possible, newspaper adverts were placed in a local newspaper, *The Kilkenny People*, on Fridays the 21st and the 28th of August 2026 one week out from the event (see Appendix 4).

The project website was also updated to include the advertisement of the PIE (*Killoshulanwindfarm.com/news*). As stated in Section 2.1, over the course of 19th, 20th & 21st August 2026, the CLO performed a door-to-door visit to houses within a 1.5km radius of the Proposed Wind Farm, dropping leaflets of the same advert that had appeared in the local newspapers ensure as many of the residents as possible were made aware of the PIE.

3.2 Event Format

The PIE was staged in a format designed to be open and interactive for the attendees. Boards were erected on either side of the hall displaying posters with information about the Proposed Project and maps of the proposed site layout. Maps were also displayed showing the turbine delivery and grid connection routes, and aerial imaging of the site with the locations of the turbines clearly marked.

At the far end of the hall a series of photomontages were displayed showing what the Proposed Project would look like from various distances away from the site. Booklets of these photomontages were also laid out for attendees to peruse. Everything on view on the project website was presented at the PIE, and vice versa.

A welcome desk was set up at the entrance to the hall and attendees were invited to sign in with their names and contact details, with the option of signing up to a mailing list also provided.

Attendees were greeted and brought through the display by a member of the project team. Attendees were also given the option of perusing the display in their own time. Attendees were also encouraged to ask questions or raise any concerns they may have with members of the project team.

Comment sheets were available for attendees to fill out as they left the event, with several attendees electing to comment.

Approximately 150 people attended the Public Information Event over the course of the five hours, with 45 of these electing to leave their names and contact details. The feedback received at the PIE on general feeling towards the Proposed Project was mixed; the majority of the local community who attended were curious about the project and wanted to learn more about the plans. A number of the attendees were in opposition to the development and made their positions known to the project team. Plate 1 below shows a photo taken at PIE showing attendees engaging with the boards.



Plate 1 – Attendees at PIE (01.09.2026) engaging with Boards displaying information on Kiloshulan Windfarm

4. FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTATION

4.1 Main Issues Raised

Several issues relating to the proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm were raised over the course of the community consultation process, from the initial door-knocking phase through to the Public Information Event and subsequently. Among the most raised issues were:

- The potential impact on groundwater and private wells.
- Responsibility for compliance if the Proposed Wind Farm is sold or the developer ceases trading.
- The potential restriction of future housing applications.
- The sale of residential sites by involved landowners.
- The proposed joint bay locations.
- The absence of a photomontage from the proposed site entrance.
- The scale and visual impact of the proposed turbines.
- Traffic disruption during construction of Proposed Project

Impact on Groundwater and Private Wells

Concerns regarding the potential impact of the Proposed Wind Farm on the vulnerability of groundwater and private wells were amongst the most raised issues during the PIE. These concerns were heightened by the reported silting of a local resident's private well at approximately the same time as borehole drilling was being undertaken in the vicinity of one of the proposed turbine. Attendees also referred to the presence of the Balief Source Protection Zone beneath the southern portion of the Proposed Wind Farm site.

In response to these concerns, the 2010 EPA report for the Nuenna Catchment was obtained from the EPA and provided to HES for consideration as part of the assessment of the Proposed Project.

Change of Project Ownership

Several attendees sought clarification regarding responsibility for the Proposed Wind Farm if the project were sold or if the developer or owner ceased trading. Concerns related specifically to responsibility for compliance with noise and shadow flicker requirements, continued environmental compliance and the identification of an appropriate point of contact for members of the public.

It was explained during the Public Information Event that the owner or operator of the Proposed Wind Farm would be required to comply with the relevant guidelines and any conditions attached to a grant of planning permission.

Effects on Residential Amenity

Several attendees expressed concern that the presence of the Proposed Wind Farm could restrict their ability, or that of their family members, to apply for planning permission for one-off housing in the surrounding area.

It was explained during the Public Information Event that the presence of the Proposed Wind Farm would not prevent an individual from applying for planning permission for a one-off house. The potential effects of

the Proposed Wind Farm on residential amenity will be considered in Chapter 5, Population and Human Health, of the EIAR.

Joint Bay Locations

An attendee involved requested mapped details of the proposed joint bay locations associated with the Proposed Grid Connection.

As the Proposed Project remained at the design stage at the time of the Public Information Event, the joint bay locations had not been finalised and were not provided. The proposed locations will be identified in the planning application and EIAR documentation and will become publicly available following submission.

This request was made in the context of wider local dissatisfaction regarding engagement, traffic disruption and diversions associated with the installation of grid connection cabling for the Farranrory Wind Farm along the R693 Regional Road and the L1810 Local Road.

Sale of Residential Sites by Involved Landowners

A small number of attendees stated that they had purchased residential sites from landowners involved in the Proposed Wind Farm and subsequently constructed houses on those sites. They stated that they had not been informed that the landowners were engaged in discussions regarding a potential wind farm at Killoshulan and that this information would have influenced their decision to purchase and develop the sites.

No specific action arose from this matter.

Scale and Visual Impact of the Proposed Turbines

The visual impact of the proposed turbines was a major concern for residents living closest to the Site. Several residents also raised concerns about shadow flicker from the spinning turbine blades affecting their homes. The proposed maximum turbine tip height of 185 metres was noted as a specific concern for attendees. Comparisons were made with turbines at other wind farms in the wider area, including the 121.5-metre turbines at Lisdowney Wind Farm. The door-knocking consultation also identified concern regarding the number of wind farms in the wider Durrow and Ballyragget area and the potential location of proposed turbine T1 at Lacey's Hill.

It was acknowledged during the Public Information Event that the proposed Killoshulan turbines would be taller than those at Lisdowney Wind Farm. The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment presented in the EIAR will assess the potential effects of the Proposed Project on the surrounding landscape, visual receptors and residential amenity.

These concerns were closely tied to the concerns over proximity. Residents were reassured that the turbines are positioned beyond the minimum setback distance specified in the Draft Wind Energy Guidelines (2019)

Residents were also assured that shadow flicker experienced at any property would not exceed the limits set out in the currently adopted 2006 Guidelines.

Site Entrance and Photomontage

During the public information event, a number of attendees raised concerns regarding the absence of a photomontage from the vicinity of the proposed site entrance, which would adjoin the R693 Regional Road. Several houses are located along this section of the road. The door-knocking consultation also identified concerns regarding potential noise, construction traffic movements and empty stone trucks using the proposed entrance.

Following the event, a photomontage from a viewpoint located approximately 75 m west of the proposed site entrance was modelled and added to the online virtual consultation room for viewing by the public. Those who enquired were advised it was there. The Landscape and Visual chapter of the EIAR assesses the potential effects of the Proposed Project on landscape sensitivity, visual amenity and residential amenity.

Traffic Disruption

Residents raised concerns regarding potential traffic disruption during the construction of the Proposed Wind Farm and Proposed Grid Connection. These concerns were particularly relevant to residents living near the proposed site entrance, who expressed concern regarding increased construction traffic and associated disruption along the surrounding road network and Grid Connection route.

Mixed feedback

The public consultation elicited mixed feedback from those in attendance. Some expressed opposition to the Proposed Project, while others were interested and asked questions. Attendees also enquired whether the Community Benefit Fund would be available to groups of households, local schools and clubs, and how the fund would operate and be managed within the community.

5. CONCLUSION

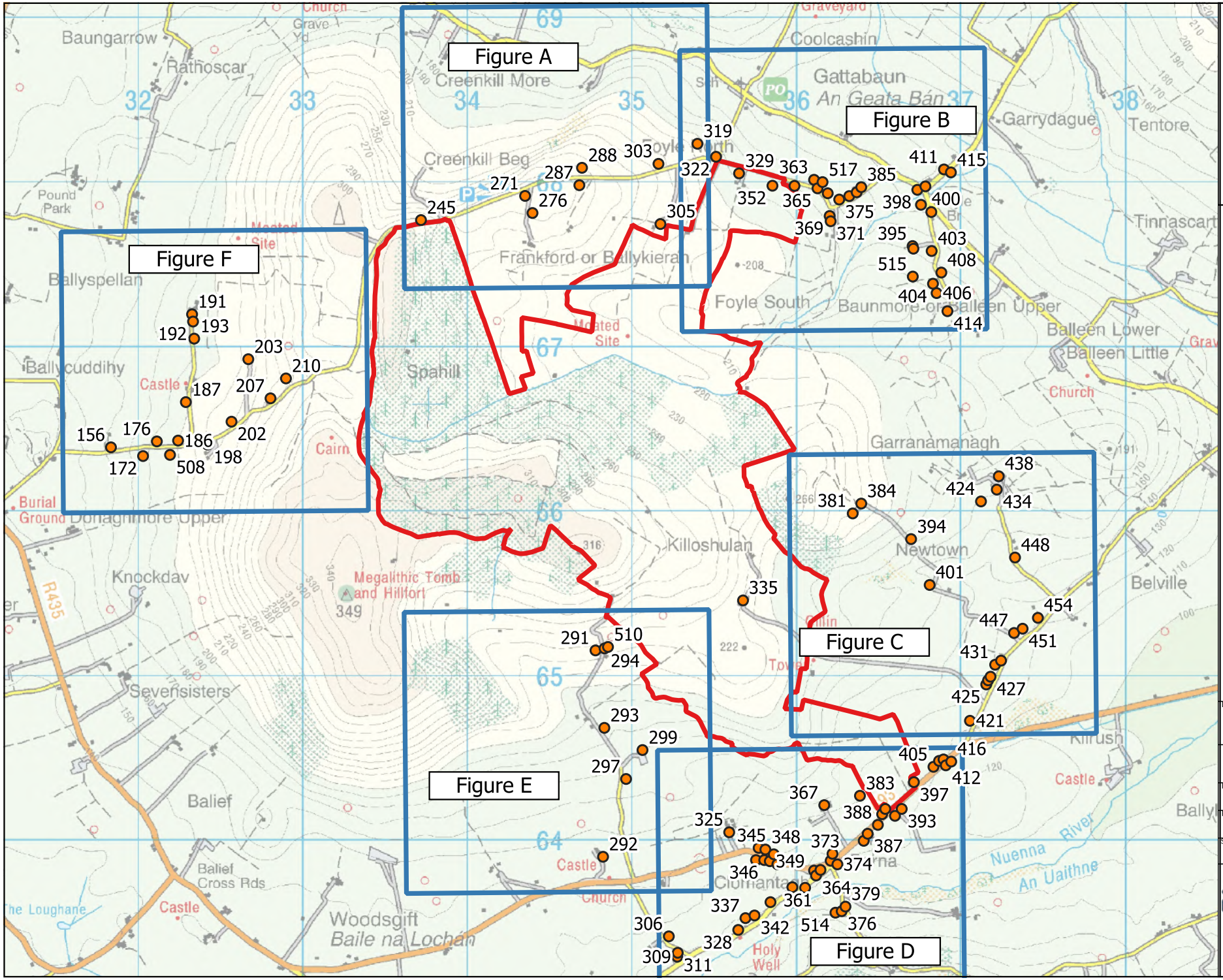
AIR made meaningful engagement with the local community a primary consideration of the project. Through face-to-face, written, telephone and online contact, the community consultation process has been effective, open and transparent.

AIR has engaged and consulted with the local community from an early stage of the pre-planning phase of the Killoshulan Wind Farm development. This process of community engagement has proven highly valuable as a means of identifying the key concerns of the local community in relation to the Proposed Wind Farm.

The development of the Killoshulan Wind Farm will provide a direct and prolonged economic benefit to the communities surrounding the Proposed Wind Farm site through the Community Benefit Fund, and through employment opportunities during the construction process. The developers are committed to maintaining the strong community engagement approach throughout the post-application stage and, if planning permission is granted, will continue to consult with and be available to residents through the construction and operational lifespan of the Killoshulan Wind Farm.

APPENDIX 1

MAP OF DOOR-TO-DOOR ENGAGEMENT



Map Legend

EIAR Site Boundary at the time of door-knock (April 2026)

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APPENDIX 2

PROJECT INFORMATION BROCHURE

Should the proposed development be permitted, it would result in a financial benefit for the local community. The value of this fund would be directly proportional to the electricity generated by the wind farm. The following terms and conditions would apply:

Direct payments – Direct payment would be made to those living closest to the wind farm, which gradually decrease with distance from the wind farm. The amount paid to each household would depend on the number of houses within varying distances from the wind farm, and the total amount from the Community Benefit Fund allocated to direct payment.

Support for local groups – Local groups, clubs and not-for-profit and community organisations would be able to apply for funding to ensure that people in the wider community (who may not receive direct payments) also get to benefit in some way from the proposed wind farm, through the funding supports that would be made available to benefit local community groups and projects.

Possible Funding Themes

- Education and skills
- Health, safety, and well-being
- Environment and habitat conservation
- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Culture and heritage
- Recreation, sport, and social inclusion
- Tourism

The Design Team

Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited is a subsidiary of Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables Ltd. (AIR), which is an Irish owned company based in Co. Limerick.

AIR invests in infrastructure projects across Ireland. Our projects help deliver high-quality infrastructure assets that are essential to society and the communities where they are located. AIR helps bridge funding, capacity and delivery gaps and provides critical infrastructure ahead of when others might have been able to do so.

High quality infrastructure serves societies in terms of contributing to economic growth, local jobs, and strong and vibrant communities.

AIR brings those advantages forward ahead of time, and ahead of when they would otherwise be available to those communities.

MKO is Ireland's largest planning and environmental consultancy. Our team of 200+ experienced professionals work across planning, environmental, ecology and related fields. MKO has led the environmental assessments throughout all project stages and is preparing the planning permission application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the proposed development on behalf of Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited

Next Steps Community Consultation

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

A community liaison person (CLO) has been appointed, who will be the point of contact with the local community. The CLO will call to each house within a 1.5km radius of the windfarm site and will provide information, including a summary of the proposed project.

This information will include contact details for any member of the community who would like further information on the project.

This door-to-door visit will be followed later in the year up by an information event in a local community hall/venue where MKO and AIR personnel will be available to discuss the project with the community, supported up by printed and digital maps/reports, etc to explain the project.

Upon completion of the EIAR, Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited hope to submit a planning application before the end of the year to An Coimisiún Pleanála. The application will include:

- Application forms and public notices
- Planning drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Natura Impact Statement

Notification of the intention to lodge this application will be placed in relevant newspapers. Once submitted, all planning application documents and drawings will be available for viewing in the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála and Kilkenny County Council. The information will also be available to view online on their websites and on the project website below, it usually takes a few days for the information to be uploaded.

Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited will provide updates on the projects progress through the Killoshulan Wind Farm website, including the date of lodgement of application.

Following lodgement of the application, members of the community can make submissions to the planning authority during the assigned public consultation period. Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited will continue to be available to discuss any individual queries in relation to the application.

We Value Your Feedback

We value your feedback during the design process, and we appreciate your consideration of the information provided. Consultation is ongoing and we continue to seek your views in the following ways:

Email: clo@killoshulanwindfarm.com

Phone: 087 118 8952 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday

Use the **"Get in Touch"** button on the project website **www.killoshulanwindfarm.com**

By post to Declan Dooley, CLO, MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 VW84

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Information Leaflet

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About the Project

Plans for a wind farm are being proposed in Killoshulan and surrounding areas in Co Kilkenny.

The wind farm is being proposed in the townlands of Killoshulan, Foyle South, Frankford or Ballykieran, Barna and Spahill, County Kilkenny, in line with Government targets to establish Ireland as a carbon neutral country by 2050.

These lands have been identified as having potential to accommodate a wind farm development and feasibility studies have been undertaken to assess the site's potential over the past few years. It is envisaged that an SID application will be lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála in the coming months.

What are the main advantages of wind energy?

Clean: The electricity produced by a wind turbine creates none of the carbon emissions that drive climate change. While carbon is created through building, transporting, and installing turbines, typically after 6-18 months the turbine has already saved more than was created from its production.

Efficient: When you burn coal, oil or gas to create electricity a huge amount of energy is lost in the process. Wind energy, on the other hand, is an extremely efficient technology for converting wind energy into usable electricity.

Cheaper: Wind energy is cheaper than fossil fuels. Irish wind farms drive down the price of electricity by pushing expensive fossil fuel generators off the grid.

Renewable: Wind energy is renewable, it is a resource that we have plenty of here in Ireland. Right now, so much of the oil and gas that we burn to produce electricity is imported from other countries. The more we use wind to power our homes and businesses, the less we are reliant on importing expensive fossil fuels, and the closer we are to being 100% energy independent.

Security of supply: As wind power capacity increases, grid operators gain more flexibility to balance supply and demand, ensuring a reliable and resilient energy system.

The Proposed Development

Turbine Location
The locations of the proposed wind turbines, and all other proposed infrastructure locations will be informed by rigorous site investigations and assessments carried out over a two-year period including:

- Ecological surveys
- Ornithological surveys
- Hydrological and geological site investigations
- Flood modelling
- Archaeological surveys
- Shadow flicker modelling
- Noise modelling
- Landscape and visual assessment

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
The planning application for the proposed development will be accompanied by an EIAR. The EIAR is a detailed environmental report, which forms part of the planning application, and assesses the potential effects of the wind farm under headings such as:

- Population & Human Health
- Biodiversity
- Soils & Geology
- Water
- Noise & Vibration
- Air Quality & Climate
- Landscape & Visual
- Traffic & Transportation
- Culture & Heritage

Planning
A planning application is expected to be lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála in the coming months.

Sections of Coillte property are currently included in the proposal in addition to other third-party lands. If you have any Coillte related queries, please contact: lsinfo@coillte.ie

Benefits

National and EU Targets

The Government's Climate Action Plan (CAP 2025) requires 80% of the Ireland's electricity to come from renewable technologies such as wind farms, by 2030, and Ireland to be a climate neutral economy by 2050.

This plan has set a target of up to 9GW of onshore wind to be supplied to the national grid by 2030. The proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm project is, in part, a response to the challenges of climate change and ensuring a secure supply of Ireland's future energy needs. The production of renewable energy from the Killoshulan Wind Farm will assist in achieving the Government's and EU's stated goals.

Environmental and Economic Benefits

Clean energy - Generate renewable, carbon-neutral electricity.

Reduce Ireland's reliance on imported fossil fuels.

Reduce energy prices - In 2025 the average price of electricity on the wholesale market on the windiest days was almost half the price of electricity produced on the least windy days (€76.41 versus €148.55 – Wind Energy Ireland). Wind drives down the price of power by pushing expensive fossil fuel generators off the system. Without it, we would have to depend more on costly gas imports which would increase electricity bills.

33% of Ireland's electricity was generated from wind energy in 2025, the equivalent to the electricity consumption of more than 3.25 million Irish families, and 39% in December 2025.

Wind keeps money at home – In 2025, 13.8 terawatt-hours (TWh) of wind generation displaced more than €1.4 billion worth of gas and carbon costs across the island of Ireland. That is money that stays in Ireland, supporting Irish jobs and communities.

Displacement of carbon emissions - Wind energy saved 5 million tonnes of CO_2 in 2025. This amount of CO_2 saved is roughly equivalent to the amount of carbon produced by 1.8 million cars.

Job Creation - Research from KPMG has confirmed more than 5,000 people are working in the Irish onshore wind energy industry and this number is expected to rise to more than 7,000 by the end of the decade. Thousands more jobs will be created this decade as we build our first new offshore wind farms

Community Benefit Fund

A Community Benefit Fund is proposed with the intention of recognising the contribution communities make when they host a wind farm in their locality. Not every part of the country is suitable to locate a wind farm. Those areas that are suitable, should benefit from doing so, and the Community Benefit Fund is the mechanism by which the local community benefits.

Renewable energy projects such as the proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm will have a significant community benefit fund associated with them for wind energy and this contribution is currently set at €2 per megawatt hour (€2/MWhr). For the Killoshulan Wind Farm, this could amount to approximately €380,000 per annum, depending on the final number of turbines proposed.

Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited is committed to working with the local community and strongly believes in playing a part in contributing to the social, environmental, and economic wellbeing of the communities surrounding the proposed wind farm project.

All citizens living in the vicinity of the project are invited to give feedback on how the fund could be spent to the betterment of their community. Once the fund is open for applications further information will be available on the project website. In the meantime, we invite feedback via the community survey on the project website.

APPENDIX 3

FEEDBACK QUESTIONAIRE

Killoshulan
Wind Farm

Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited
C/O MKO
Tuam Road
Galway
Ireland, H91 VW84

27th of April 2026

Ref: Proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm

Dear Resident,

In line with Government targets to establish Ireland as a carbon neutral country by 2050, Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited propose to develop a wind farm in the townlands of Killoshulan, Foyle South, Frankford or Ballykieran, Barna and Spahill, County Kilkenny.

The proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm will contribute to both Ireland's and the European Union's renewable energy targets.

It will also help secure Ireland's energy supply and reduce the country's reliance on imported fossil fuels. The proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm project is, in part, a response to the challenges of climate change and ensuring a secure supply of Ireland's future energy needs.

Ecological and environmental surveys are currently underway. Once concluded, these studies will inform the final design of the project and help determine the location, tip height and number of turbines.

Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited is a subsidiary of Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables Ltd. (AIR), which is an Irish owned company based in Co. Limerick. AIR invests in infrastructure projects across Ireland that help deliver high-quality infrastructure assets essential to society and the communities where they are located. AIR is currently developing a number of renewable energy projects in Ireland.

A planning application is expected to be lodged with An Coimisiún Pleanála later this year. Before then, we will be presenting the proposed final design to the local community and hosting a Public Information Event both in-person and online via a Virtual Consultation Room.

The purpose of this information pack is to introduce the project and outline our intention to develop the Killoshulan Wind Farm. Enclosed is an information leaflet with further details, a map of the study area and a questionnaire.

We value your feedback during the design process, and we appreciate your consideration of the information provided.

Consultation is ongoing and we continue to seek your views in the following ways:

- Email: clo@Killoshulanwindfarm.com
- Phone: 087 118 8952 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday
- Use the "Contact" portal on the project website www.killoshulanwindfarm.com
- By post to Declan Dooley, CLO, C/O MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 VW84

Kind regards,

Declan Dooley

Declan Dooley, Community Liaison Officer, MKO

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27th of April 2026

Feedback Questionnaire – Proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm

Please return completed form by post to Declan Dooley, CLO, C/O MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 VW84.

Alternatively, you can complete this questionnaire on the project website
www.killoshulanwindfarm.com

Q1: If the proposed project is developed, what types of benefits should the Killoshulan Wind Farm provide to the local community?

Q2: Do you have any concerns about this proposed wind farm and if so, what are they?

Q3: Have you any further comments in relation to the proposed project?

Q4: Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited is committed to keeping the local community informed about the proposed project. Please help us identify any other local groups which you feel should be consulted with.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

Eircode: _____

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APPENDIX 4

EVENT ADVERTISEMENT

Killoshulan
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Public Information Day

Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables Ltd and Killoshulan Renewable Energy Ltd will host Public Information Day on Tuesday, September 1st to provide details of and address any queries you may have on the proposed Killoshulan Wind Farm.

The wind farm is being proposed in the townlands of Barna, Killoshulan, Spahill, Frankford or Ballykieran and Foyle South, Co. Kilkenny

Sections of Coillte property are currently included in the proposal in addition to other third-party lands. If you have any Coillte related queries, please contact: lsinfo@coillte.ie

Representatives of the developer and environmental consultants will be present to discuss the project with you.
All are welcome.

When: Tuesday, September 1st – 3pm to 8pm

Where: Graine Community Hall, Graine, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny, E41 WR44

See killoshulanwindfarm.com for more information or contact
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or phone 087 118 8952