An Coimisiún Pleanála,
Strategic Infrastructure Development,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01V902.

Our ref: 260172

Date: 30th October 2026

Re: Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended –Strategic Infrastructure Development Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a Renewable Energy Development which will comprise 10 no. wind turbines, a battery energy storage system facility, a 110kV onsite electrical substation, 110kV underground electrical cabling, and associated infrastructure and works, located at Killoshulan and adjacent townlands, Co. Kilkenny.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited ('The Applicant'), a subsidiary of Atlantic Infrastructure Renewables of 98 Henry Street, Limerick, Ireland, please find enclosed a Strategic Infrastructure Development ('SID') planning application for a Proposed Project which consists of 10 no. wind turbines, a battery energy storage system facility, a 110kV onsite electrical substation, 110kV underground electrical cabling, and associated infrastructure and works, located in the townlands of Barna, Killoshulan, Spahill, Frankford or Ballykieran, Foyle South, Clomantagh (Mt. Garret), Urlingford, Mountfinn, Balief Lower, Balief Upper, Coolcashin, Garrydague, Ballygowney, Ballyring Upper, Lisdowney, Seskin Little, Seskin North, Seskin South and Ballyconra, Co. Kilkenny.

Background

This planning application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála ('ACP' or 'the Commission') as a SID under the provisions of Section 37E of Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended ('the Planning Act'). The SID status of the Proposed Development was confirmed by the Commission by letter dated 9th October 2026 following pre-application consultations with the Commission. A copy of the SID Determination letter is enclosed with the Planning Application Form.

Please note that this development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413) (RED III) and the planning application is subject to a completeness check under section 37JA of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by the European Union (Planning and Development) (Renewable Energy) Regulations 2025. A RED III completeness checklist is provided for information purposes and is enclosed with this letter.

Proposed Project

The Proposed Project description, as set out in the public notices is as follows,

"The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:

i. *The construction of 10 no. wind turbines with an overall turbine tip height of 185 metres; a rotor blade diameter of 163 metres; and hub height of 103.5 metres, and a meteorological*

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mast of 103.5m in height and subsequent decommissioning of the wind turbines and meteorological mast, following a 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the wind turbines;

ii. *Turbine and meteorological mast foundations, hard-standing and assembly areas;*
iii. *A 110kV substation compound (2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, access gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tanks, rainwater holding tanks, site drainage and all ancillary works);*
iv. *Underground internal wind farm electrical cabling and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed on-site 110kV electrical substation and associated ancillary works;*
v. *All works associated with the upgrade of the existing agricultural access off the R693 Regional Road (including the installation of fencing and steel gates) to serve as the main site entrance for the wind farm;*
vi. *The provision of 1 no. new access/egress point along the R693 Regional Road;*
vii. *The provision of 1 no temporary access/egress point along the L1805;*
viii. *Upgrade of existing tracks/roads and junctions and provision of new site access roads and junctions;*
ix. *2 no. temporary construction compounds with temporary offices and staff welfare facilities;*
x. *Accommodation works along the public road network in the townlands of Urlingford, Mountfinn, Balief Lower, Balief Upper, and Barna Co. Kilkenny to facilitate the delivery of turbine components and other abnormal loads;*
xi. *1 no. Borrow Pit;*
xii. *Spoil Management;*
xiii. *Site Drainage;*
xiv. *Tree Felling and hedgerow removal;*
xv. *Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Measures;*
xvi. *Operational stage site signage;*
xvii. *Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, 2 no. static water storage tanks and a firewater retention tank, and all associated infrastructure and apparatus;*
xviii. *The provision of approximately 12km of underground electrical (110kV) and communications cabling from the proposed on-site 110kV electrical substation to the western boundary of the River Nore to facilitate a future connection to the national grid via the existing Ballyragget 110kV electrical substation;*
xix. *Provision of 17 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the proposed underground electrical cabling route;*
xx. *Reinstatement of land, road and track surface above the proposed cabling trench; and*
xxi. *All related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development, including landscaping and the reinstatement of land.*

A 10-year planning permission and a 35-year operational life of the wind farm from the date of full commissioning is sought."

Planning Application Contents

The following documents are included in the planning application pack submitted to ACP via hard copy:

- SID Planning Application Documents
  - Cover Letter
    - Appendix 1: Images of Site Notices erected on Site
    - Appendix 2: Agreement of SID Planning Application Drawing scales with ACP
    - Appendix 3: Confirmation of SID Planning Application Fee Payment
    - Appendix 4: Schedule of Information to inform the RED III Completeness Check
  - SID Planning Application Form

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        - Addendum 1: Schedule of SID Planning Application Drawings
        - Addendum 2: Landowner Letters of Consent
        - Addendum 3: Pre-Application Consultation
        - Addendum 4: ACP SID Confirmation & Completeness Schedule
        - Addendum 5: Prescribed Body Letters
        - Addendum 6: EIA Portal ID Request and Confirmation
    - Copy of Site Notice as erected on site on the 29th October 2026
    - Copy of published National Newspaper Notice – Irish Daily Star
    - Copy of published Local Newspaper Notice – Kilkenny People
    - Statutory Undertaker Letter
- Planning Report
- SID Planning Application Drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
    - **Volume 1 –** Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
    - **Volume 2 –** Photomontage Booklet
    - **Volume 3 –** EIAR Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Planning Application Form

A completed SID planning application form is included as part of the application.

Landowner Letters of Consent

As the planning application includes lands under the ownership of third parties landowners, letters of consent from the landowners within the planning application red line boundary are included with this planning application.

EIA Portal ID Confirmation

The EIA Portal was notified of this SID planning application on the 29th October 2026. A copy of the EIA Portal request and confirmation notice is attached in Addendum 6 of this application form.

Site Notice

Site notices were erected on site on the 29th October 2026 in accordance with Article 19 of the Planning Regulations. Images of all site notices erected on site on the 29th October 2026 are included in Appendix 1. The site notice is included as part of this planning application.

Newspaper Notice

In accordance with Article 18 of the Planning Regulations, a National Newspaper notice was published in the Irish Daily Star circulated on and dated 28th October 2026 and a Local Newspaper notice was published in the Kilkenny People, circulated on dated 28th October 2026, and dated 30th October 2026. Both the newspaper notices are included as part of this planning application.

Statutory Undertaker

A statutory undertaker letter is included as part of this planning application.

Planning Report

A Planning Report has been prepared in support of the Proposed Development and is included as part of this planning application. The Planning Report provides an assessment of the Proposed Development against the relevant planning policy.

Planning Application Drawings

A full set of planning application drawings and a drawing schedule have been prepared by MKO, Hydro-Environmental Services, Fehily Timoney & Company Ltd. and Alan Lipscombe Traffic and Transport Consultant Ltd. in accordance with the Planning Regulations and are included with this planning

application. All planning application drawings are provided at scales which ACP have agreed as being acceptable by email on the 22nd October 2026, a copy of this correspondence is included in Appendix 2.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
An EIAR has been prepared and is included as part of this planning application. The EIAR is structured as follows:

Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet
Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices

Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR) and NIS have been prepared and are included as part of this planning application.

Planning Application Fee
The payment of the required fee of €100,000 in compliance with Section 37A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, has been paid to the Commission on 28th October 2026 with the following details:

- Payment of Planning Application Fee: €100,000
- Payment Reference: 249639490

Confirmation of planning application fee payment is included in Appendix 3.

Copies of the Planning Application
1 no. hard copy and 9 no. electronic copies of the planning application pack are enclosed. Kilkenny County Council have also been provided 2 no. hard copies and 1 no. electronic copy of the planning application pack, as agreed with them by via email on the 20th October 2026. The planning application will be available for inspection at their main office between 9:30am and 4pm, Monday to Friday during the submission period as detailed in the enclosed planning notices. All prescribed bodies set out in the Commission's SID Status Confirmation issued in respect of the Section 37B consultations have also been furnished with a copy of the planning application pack.

All planning application drawings are provided at scales which have been previously agreed with the Commission by email on the on the 21st October 2026.

All documentation and drawings associated with the planning application can be found at the dedicated project website: https://www.killoshulanwindfarm.com/

I trust that ACP now have all the information required to progress the planning application. If, however, there is anything further or you have a query on any matter in relation to this planning application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Francesca Rowson
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Enclosed

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