SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development – Co. Kilkenny

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Killoshulan Renewable Energy Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for permission for a renewable energy development 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.

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive 2023/2413) 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. 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 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.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed development and accompany the planning application. The EIAR and NIS assess both the full extent of the proposed development as described above in i – xxi and integral elements of the wider project infrastructure, consisting of the provision of approximately 700m of underground electrical (110kV) and communications cabling between the western boundary of the River Nore and the existing Ballyragget 110kV electrical substation in the townland of Moatpark, Co. Kilkenny to facilitate the connection to the national grid and which will be the subject of a separate, future planning application to the relevant consenting authority.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of eight weeks and five days commencing on the 6th of November 2026 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday)
- The Offices of the Planning Department, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny (9am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Monday – Friday)

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: https://www.killoshulanwindfarm.com/

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of eight weeks and five days relating to:

i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, and
ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and
iii. the likely 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 An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than the 5th of January 2027 and must 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,
- 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 2001, 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 (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie).

The Commission may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

a) (i) grant the permission, or
(ii) 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
(iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
b) 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. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Commission by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by 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 on the Commission's website https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/home or on the Citizens Information Service website, www.citizensinformation.ie/en/

Signed: *Francesca Rowson* ..... **(Francesca Rowson of MKO, Tuam Road, Galway (Agent))**
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