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29th October 2026

Galway County Council
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RE: Rooaunalaghta Green Energy Project – Strategic Infrastructure Development under S.37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended in relation to a proposed wind farm and associated grid infrastructure

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Rooaunalaghta Green Energy Limited (hereafter referred to as the Applicant), please find enclosed a planning application for the proposed construction of a wind farm and associated grid infrastructure. The proposed wind farm site is located within the townlands of Cloghmoyne, Carrowoughteragh, Toorard, Rooaunalaghta, Brodullagh South and Kinlough, County Mayo.

The proposed underground 33 kV Grid Connection Route (GCR) associated with the grid connection is circa 8.7 km in length and traverses the townlands of Brodullagh South, Kinlough, Cloonbanaun, County Mayo, and the townlands of Largan, Joyce's Park, Shrulegrove, Carrowmore, Tonacooleen, Ralusk, Abbeytown, Ballinvoher, Killamanagh and Bunnasillagh, County Galway.

The proposed 110 kV loop-in substation and associated 110 kV cables and end masts to connect to the existing overhead line are located in the townlands of Killamanagh and Bunnasillagh, County Galway (the substation itself is within the former townland).

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Coimisiún Pleanála to the Applicant on 6th October 2026 following Pre-Application Consultation with An Coimisiún Pleanála (Case Number – ACP-324133-26). A copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed within the application form.

A detailed description of the Proposed Development is set out in the enclosed public notices, and a complete description is set out in the application documents.

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The Proposed Development for which permission is sought will comprise:

- 13 no. wind turbines with a blade tip height of 150 m, a rotor diameter of 136 m, a hub height of 82 m, and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;
- Creation of two new permanent site entrances onto the R334 Regional Road;
- Two temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing;
- One borrow pit. All works associated with the opening, aggregate and spoil extraction, and decommissioning of the borrow pit;
- New internal site access tracks, to include passing bays and all associated drainage;
- A temporary new access track to connect to the boundary of an adjacent operating quarry;
- Construction of drainage and sediment control systems;
- New on-site control building
- Construction of one permanent loop-in 110 kV electrical substation compound including
    - Two control buildings containing worker welfare facilities;
    - Electrical infrastructure and grid ancillary services equipment
    - Parking
    - Lighting
    - Fencing
    - Wastewater holding tank
    - Rainwater harvesting equipment
    - Communications equipment and storage
    - Associated electrical plant
    - All associated infrastructure, services, and site works including landscaping
- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the proposed 110 kV loop-in substation, which will be via a 33 kV underground cable connection (circa 8.7 km in length), including 4 no. watercourse crossings, and the onward connection from the substation to the existing overhead line via 110 kV cables and steel lattice interface masts;
- All associated infrastructure and services including site works, signage and permanent underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm control building;
- A lidar unit, and associated foundation and hard-standing area;
- All related site works and ancillary development including site drainage, security gates, fencing, permanent and temporary signage, berms, landscaping, soil excavation and biodiversity mitigation and enhancements, including habitat, hedgerow and treeline removal, creation and management.

A 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought for all works, and the subsequent decommissioning. The 110 kV loop-in substation and the onward connection from the substation to the existing overhead line via 110 kV cables and steel lattice interface masts forming part of this planning application will remain permanent infrastructure and form part of the national grid network.

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive (EU) 2023/2413) and it is important to note that this planning application is subject to Section 37JA of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Where a notice issues in accordance with Section 37JA(b), the provisions of Article 216A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, shall apply.



Supporting Documentation

The following documents are included in the application pack:

1. Planning Application Documentation
   a) Planning Application Form
      i. Addendum 1: Schedule of Drawings & Confirmation of Drawing Scales
      ii. Addendum 2: Landowner Letters of Consent
      iii. Addendum 3: Statutory Undertaker Letter
      iv. Addendum 4: Details of consultations with An Coimisiún Pleanála including SID Determination
      v. Addendum 5: Letters to Prescribed Bodies
      vi. Addendum 6: EIA Portal Confirmation
      vii. Addendum 7: Confirmation of payment of SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00
      viii. Addendum 8: Completeness Checklist
      ix. Addendum 9: Confidential information
   b) Site Notice and Site Notice Report
   c) Newspaper Notices
   d) Planning Cover Letter to An Coimisiún Pleanála
   e) Planning Cover Letter to Mayo County Council
   f) Planning Cover Letter to Galway County Council
2. Planning Application Drawings, including ITM Shapefile of site boundary
3. Planning Statement
4. Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
   a) Volume 1- EIAR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
   b) Volume 2- EIAR Main Body
   c) Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
   d) Volume 4- Photomontages
5. Appropriate Assessment Screening Report (AASR)
6. Natura Impact Statement

All elements of the Proposed Development, including the grid infrastructure and temporary accommodation works to facilitate turbine delivery, have been considered and are assessed as part of the EIAR and NIS.

Please find 1 no. hard copy and 4 no. electronic copies (USBs) of the planning application pack enclosed with this letter. An Coimisiún Pleanála and Mayo County Council have also received hard copies and soft copies of the application pack (as agreed with all of them in advance of planning application submission).

All prescribed bodies as identified in 1a Addendum 4, SID determination, are being provided with application documentation in a digital format via the dedicated website link (www.rooaunalaghtagreenenergyplanning.ie). This is set out in 1a Addendum 5 letters to Prescribed Bodies.

I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or wish to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to your decision in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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