SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála

Strategic Infrastructure Development

Mayo County Council & Galway County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Rooaunalaghta Green Energy Limited, give notice of our intention to apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a 10 year planning permission for the construction and operation of the proposed renewable energy development comprising the construction and operation of a wind farm and associated grid infrastructure within a total site area of 222 ha. 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).

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.

This planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) prepared in respect of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development, as well as temporary accommodation works to facilitate turbine delivery from the Port of Galway, Galway city to the planning application site via Lough Atalia Road, the R339 Regional Road, the R336 Regional Road, the N6 National Road, the N84 National Road and R334 Regional Road. The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS, may be inspected, free of charge or purchased for a specified specific fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing on 4th November 2026 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 (9:15 am – 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays).
- Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, County Mayo, F23 WF90 (9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding Bank holidays)
- Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, County Galway H91 H6KX (9.00 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday excluding Bank holidays)

The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS may also be viewed on the following website: https://rooaunalaghtagreenenergyplanning.ie/

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 in writing or online on An Coimisiún Pleanála's website www.pleanala.ie during the aforementioned period of 7 weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development; and (ii) the likely effects on the environment or on a European site of the proposed development if carried out.

Any submissions or 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 5.30pm on 23rd December 2026 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, consideration 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 An Coimisiún Pleanála. An Coimisiún Pleanála 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 An Coimisiún Pleanála's website www.pleanala.ie). An Coimisiún Pleanála 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 it of the foregoing kind) and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (telephone no. 01-8588100).

Any person may question the validity of any such decision of An Coimisiún Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, brought in accordance with Part 9 of the Planning and Development Act 2024 as amended and the applicable Rules of the Superior Courts.

Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading "Information on cases / Weekly lists" – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on An Coimisiún Pleanála's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

SIGNED: 

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DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 28th October 2026