

**KELLYSTOWN WIND FARM CONSTRUCTION AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN  
COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

Kellystown Wind Farm is a proposed five turbine project in an area approximately 8km north of Drogheda town, 23.6km South of Dundalk and 50km North of Dublin. It is anticipated to have capacity between 28.5 – 36MW and power more c.22,000 homes.

EDF Renewables Ireland is committed to being a good neighbour and, if the wind farm is consented, we will implement a comprehensive communication plan to ensure local residents and stakeholders are kept informed of any disruption during construction of the wind farm itself and the grid route. At all times our priority will be ensure disruption is minimised as much as possible.

This communications plan sets out our proposals to keep local residents, community representatives and other stakeholders informed throughout the construction process. If the project receives planning consent, this plan will be reviewed and updated to include a detailed timeline of when these communications activities will be implemented.

All road closures and associated diversion routes will be agreed with Louth County Council roads department and advertised in local newspapers a minimum of 6 weeks in advance.

A dedicated Community Liaison Officer (CLO) will be assigned to the construction phase of the project and their contact details shared with local residents.

## **2.0 Key Messages**

- Provide the dates and times of any road closures and duration of works
- Provide details of any road widening works
- Reiterate that all decisions are made with the intention of minimising the length of disruption to road users
- Highlight that roads will be returned to their original width at the end of project (but will be better, safer roads)
- We are committed to keeping people as informed of progress as possible
- Ultimately, the aim is to increase energy security and combat climate change by providing clean energy and this wind farm will be able to power c.22,000\* homes

## **3.0 Target Stakeholders**

To be updated as required subject to any changes. Target stakeholders within 2km of works will be contacted via email, phone, SMS or face-to-face, as appropriate, with the exception of haul route landowners (on the route from Galway Port to site), which will be contacted separately as required.

Stakeholders will include:

- Local residents
- Project landowners
- Local businesses

- Local transport services
- Community Groups/Sports clubs
- Relevant statutory bodies
- Emergency service
- Political stakeholders
- Local media

#### **4.0 Communications Content**

#### **4.1 Communications to residents**

##### **4.1.1 Letter to residents in immediate and buffer areas of road closure**

One month prior to the commencement of works, a letter and information leaflet will be distributed to residents setting out information about the project, the type of works being carried out, the expected duration of works, the extent of works in their immediate area, any road closures, and encouraging residents to sign up to an email and SMS service for further updates.

##### **4.1.2 Door-door house calls**

One month prior to the commencement of works, our team will also undertake door-to-door house visits along routes experiencing road closures to identify residents who may have critical medical needs or need additional assistance.

##### **4.1.3 Regular email and SMS updates to residents with updates on road closures**

Residents who have signed up to receive email and SMS updates will receive updates on road closures two weeks in advance, as well as a reminder on the morning of the closures.

#### **4.2 Media release to local media highlighting road closures**

A media release will be issued to local media highlighting the works, and containing key messages as above. This will also give details of how residents can sign up for email and SMS alerts.

#### 4.3 Direct email or letter to local councillors/TDs, businesses, emergency services and community groups/sports clubs

All local representatives, businesses and other groups will be contacted about the works, and encouraged to share the updates with anyone affected by them.

#### 5.0 Timeline

Please note this is an early-stage timeline that will be updated and expanded in advance of the works and the engagement process.

External factors (e.g. the need for Garda assistance and delivery times from the nearest port) may also impact the timeline, and these will be taken into account when revising the timeline.

Activity	Date
Commencement of works	TBC
Temporary roadway construction	TBC (Duration of three weeks)
Components to be delivered to site	TBC (Duration of 1-1.5 months)

#### 6.0 Key Information Sources

- Kellystown Wind Farm project webpage – this will be kept regularly updated with information about significant works: [www.edf-re.ie/our-sites/kellystown](http://www.edf-re.ie/our-sites/kellystown)
- Kellystown Wind Farm project team – members of the public can contact the team directly using the dedicated project mailbox: [kellystownwindfarm@edf-re.ie](mailto:kellystownwindfarm@edf-re.ie)