

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2018
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development County Galway

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended, Ardderroo Windfarm Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Ardderroo, Letter, and Finnaun, County Galway. The site is located within a Gaeltacht Area.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- i. Construction of up to 25 No. wind turbines with a maximum overall blade tip height of up to 178.5m
- ii. 1 no. permanent Meteorological Mast with a maximum height of up to 112 metres.
- iii. 1no. 110kV electrical substation with 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, 6no. battery containers, all associated electrical plant and equipment, all associated underground cabling, waste water holding tank and all ancillary works
- iv. Underground cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed substation and connection from the proposed substation to the national grid at the existing Eirgrid substation in the townland of Letter
- v. Upgrade of existing tracks, roads and provision of new site access roads and hardstand areas;
- vi. 3 no. borrow pits.
- vii. 2 no. temporary construction compounds.
- viii. Recreation and amenity works, including marked trails, conversion of one temporary construction compound into a permanent amenity car park, provision of a toilet/shelter building and associated waste water holding tank, and associated recreation and amenity signage
- ix Site drainage
- x Forestry felling
- xi Permanent signage
- xii. All associated site development works.

This application is seeking a ten year planning permission and 30 year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development.

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 seven weeks commencing on the 30 November 2018 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Galway County Council, Aras An Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.

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

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- I. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- II. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- III. The likely significant 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 the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 28 January 2019. Such submissions/observations must also 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 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 the Board.

The Board 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 Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to –

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission/approval 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 permission to grant the permission/approval

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

- A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under order 84 of the Rule 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 access under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Boards website, www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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