



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

# Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Pinewood Wind Limited
Address:	Pinewood Wind Limited Building 4200 Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, Ireland. T12 D23C
Telephone No:	c/o Agent
Email Address (if any):	c/o Agent

**3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s):	Kevin O' Donovan and Alan Goggin
Registered Address (of company)	Pinewood Wind Limited Building 4200 Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, Ireland. T12 D23C
Company Registration No.	483530
Telephone No.	c/o Agent
Email Address (if any)	c/o Agent

**4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name:	Galetech Energy Services
Address:	Clondargan Stradone Co. Cavan
Telephone No.	049 555 5050
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	<a href="mailto:info@galetechenergy.com">info@galetechenergy.com</a>

**Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: [] No:[  ]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Cathal Gallagher  
Statkraft Ireland  
Building 4200,  
Cork Airport Business Park,  
Cork,  
Ireland.  
T12 D23C  
Phone Number: 021 242 7786

**5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:**

Name:	Joseph Buckley
Firm / Company:	Galetech Energy Services
Address:	Clondargan Stradone Co. Cavan
Telephone No:	049 555 5050
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	<a href="mailto:info@galetechenergy.com">info@galetechenergy.com</a>
Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted.  Please refer to Annex 1 of this Application Form	

**6. Site:**

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>Knockardagur, Ballinakill, Co. Laois</p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>OS Sheet Numbers 4177, 4235 &amp; 4293</p>	
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.</p>		
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p>5.61 ha</p>	
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>The proposed development site is not zoned in current Laois County Development Plan</p>	
<p>Existing use of the site &amp; proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>The existing use of the proposed development site is agricultural pasture.</p> <p>The proposed development involves the development of an electrical substation to serve an adjacent permitted wind farm.</p>	
<p>Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:</p>	<p>Laois County Council</p>	

**7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:**

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The Applicant has an agreement in place with the landowner, Michael Brennan.		
<b>If you are not the legal owner</b> , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
Michael Brennan Knockardagur Ballinakill Co. Laois		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes. Planning permission was granted to the applicant for an 11 no. turbine wind farm on adjacent lands (PL11.248518) and legal agreements are in place with all involved landowners.		

**8. Site History:**

<b>Details regarding site history (if known):</b>
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?  Yes: [ ] No: [✓]
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?  Yes: [✓] No:[ ]
If yes, please give details:  The existing use of the proposed development site is agricultural pasture.

**Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?**

Yes: [] No: []

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

<b>Reg. Ref. No:</b>	<b>Nature of Proposed Development</b>	<b>Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála</b>
16/260	11 no. turbine wind farm associated with this proposed development	Planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála.

If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.

**Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?**

Yes: [] No:[]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<p>The proposed development will comprise a 10-year permission for the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electrical substation with a 'split level' design, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings (with a Gross Floor Area of 589 square metres), 1 no. transformer bay, 2 no. line bays and all associated electrical equipment, services and lighting within an up to 2.95 metre high fenced compound (with a total footprint of 13,100 square metres);</li> <li>ii. 2 no. lattice-type strain towers with a maximum height of up to 21m and approximately 70m of 110kV overhead electricity lines to facilitate connection of the proposed substation to the permitted 110kV Laois-Kilkenny Grid Reinforcement Project electricity transmission line (An Bord Pleanála Reference PL11.VA0015);</li> <li>iii. Approximately 0.65km of on-site access track with associated site entrance from local public road (L77951); and</li> <li>iv. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works, including provision of site drainage infrastructure and surface water protection measures.</li> </ol>
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## 10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

**11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:**

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	589m <sup>2</sup>
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A

**12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix:**

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apartments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing: N/A	Proposed: N/A		Total: N/A		

**13. Social Housing:**

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		



**14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:**

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
The existing use of the proposed development site is agricultural pasture.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
The proposed development involves the development of an electrical substation to serve an adjacent permitted wind farm.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The proposed development involves the development of an electrical substation to serve an adjacent permitted wind farm.

**15. Development Details:**

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			✓
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			✓
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			✓
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		✓	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		✓	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			✓
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			✓
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			✓
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			✓

**16. Services:**

<b>Proposed Source of Water Supply:</b>
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/>  Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/>  Other (please specify): Rainwater Harvesting System to be incorporated into design of proposed control buildings  <u>N/A</u>
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):  <u>N/A</u>
<b>Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:</b>
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/>  Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify:  Wastewater to be collected on-site in a sealed foul waste holding tank and removed from site by licensed waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant.
<b>Proposed Surface Water Disposal:</b>
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/>  Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify:  Controlled diffused drainage system will discharge to on-site agricultural drains. All surface water will be fully treated to ensure no deleterious matter is discharged to local surface water features.

## 17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Leinster Express: Published Date 13/10/2020 Irish Independent: Published Date 13/10/2020  Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
The location of the site notice is illustrated in the accompanying planning application drawings.  Date of Erection of Site Notice: 19/10/2020  Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All planning application and associated documentation is available to view and the dedicated project website:-  <a href="http://www.pinewoodswindfarmsubstationsid.ie">www.pinewoodswindfarmsubstationsid.ie</a>

## 18. Pre-application Consultation:

<b>Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála</b>
<b>Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</b>  Enclosed:  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Please refer to Annex 2 of this Application Form  Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.  Enclosed:  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Please refer to Annex 3 to this Application Form

**19. Confirmation Notice:**

**Copy of Confirmation Notice**

Please find enclosed a copy of the relevant EIA Portal Confirmation Notice – Portal ID Number 2020167

**20. Application Fee:**

Fee Payable

€100,000

**I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.**

Signed:  
(Applicant or Agent as appropriate)

*Galetech Energy Services*

Date:

19/10/2020

**General Guidance Note:**

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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## Annex 1 – Schedule of Planning Application Drawings

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## **Annex 2 – Schedule of Pre-Application Consultations**

### *An Bord Pleanála*

Pre-application consultation took place with An Bord Pleanála as part of the Strategic Infrastructure Development determination process. This matter was considered by the Board pursuant to Reference ABP-303194-18. The consultation process formally commenced on 3 December 2018 when the Applicant requested to enter into pre-application consultation pursuant to the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). A pre-application consultation meeting was held on 13 June 2019. The pre-application process was closed by the Board on 16 July 2019.

### *Laois County Council*

A telephone discussion was held with Laois County Council in relation to the proposed development during which the description of the proposed development, the content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement and the procedures related to the planning application were discussed at length. The discussion was held on 30 June 2020 and involved the Senior Executive Planner of Laois County Council and a representative of the Galetech Energy Services Environment & Planning Team.

### **Annex 3 – Schedule of Prescribed Bodies**

Each of the following prescribed bodies have been notified of the planning application for the proposed development and have been furnished with a copy (or copies as may be appropriate) of all planning application documentation.

- Development Applications Unit  
c/o Minister for Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht (formerly Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht)
- Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment
- Kilkenny County Council
- Laois County Council
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- Fáilte Ireland
- An Taisce
- The Heritage Council
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Health Service Executive
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Irish Water

A copy of each notification letter is provided within the planning application pack.