

**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
County Donegal**

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Drumnahough Wind Farm DAC gives notice of its intention to make an application for a ten year planning permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Tooslenagh, Treankeel, Meenadaura, Carrickalangan, Cark, Killymasny, Meentycat, Meenalaban, Culligh, Tullyhonour and Aughkeely Co. Donegal.

The proposed development for which permission under Section 37E is being sought constitutes the following:

- Twelve (12) No. wind turbines (maximum turbine tip height 167.5m) with associated foundations and crane hardstand areas.
- One (1) No. Permanent Meteorological Mast (110m height) and associated foundation, hardstand area and ancillary main crane hardstand area.
- New and upgraded internal site service roads (3.2km of existing forestry tracks to be upgraded and 7.1km of new internal access tracks to be constructed).
- Underground medium voltage electric cabling systems between turbines within the wind farm site.
- Underground medium voltage electric cabling systems between the wind farm site and the grid connection point at the permitted Lenalea substation.
- Minor Upgrading of existing Site Entrance on the L-10142.
- Upgrading/ Widening of existing Entrance on the L-1622-1.
- New junction off the L-10142 to facilitate construction and access to T1.
- Localised upgrading/widening along existing access roads within Meentycat Wind Farm.
- Two (2) No. temporary construction site compounds (one approximately 100m x 50m and one approximately 55m x 25m).
- Three (3) No. borrow pits to be used as a source of stone material during construction and for storage of excess excavated peat materials.
- Three (3) No. peat/spoil deposition areas (at borrow pit locations).
- Associated surface water management system.
- Tree felling to facilitate site development.

This application is seeking a ten year permission and 30 year operational life from the date of commissioning the 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 fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 7th December 2020 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The offices of Donegal County Council, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website:

- www.drumnahoughwindfarmplanning.com

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) relating to the implications for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and the likely effects on the environment or any European site, if the development is carried out.

The Regulations require that any such submission or observation shall state:

- The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their 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, considerations and arguments on which it is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

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 5.30pm on 5th February 2021.

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. (For further details see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- Grant permission with or without conditions,
- Grant permission with specified modifications, with or without conditions,
- Grant permission in part, with or without conditions, or
- Refuse permission.

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 Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie under the heading Judicial Review Notice or on the Citizens Information Services website www.citizensinformation.ie

**An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú)
Fógra maidir le hlarratas Pleanála Díreach chuig an Bhord Pleanála
i ndáil le Forbairt Bhonneagair Straitéiseach
Contae Dhún na nGall**

I gcomhréir le hAlt 37E den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, tugann Feirm Ghaoithe Dhroim na hUamha DAC fógra maidir lena rún chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar chead pleanála deich mbliana chuig an Bhord Pleanála i ndáil leis an fhorbairt bheartaithe seo a leanas i mbailte fearainn Thaobh Sloitheánach, an Triain Chaoil, Mhín an Deoraí, Charraig an Langáin, na Circe, Choillidh Masnaí, Meentycat, Meenalaban, an Choiligh, Thulaigh Thónmhar agus Aughkeely Co. Dhún na nGall.

Seo a leanas atá i gceist san fhorbairt bheartaithe lena bhfuil cead á lorg faoi Alt 37E:

- Dhá thuirbín déag gaoithe (12) (uasairde moill 167.5m) leis an bhunchloch agus na limistéir talamh chrua craenach bhainteacha.
- Crann Meitéareolaíoch Buan amháin (1) (airde 110m) agus bunchloch bhainteach, limistéar talamh chrua agus limistéar talamh chrua príomhchraenach coimhdeach.
- Bóithre seirbhíse suímh inmheánacha nua agus uasghrádaithe (3.2km de raonta foraoiseachta le huasghrádú agus 7.1km de raonta rochtana inmheánacha nua le tógáil).
- Córais cháblaí leictreacha faoin talamh idir na tuirbíní laistigh de shuíomh na feirme gaoithe.
- Córais cháblaí leictreacha faoin talamh idir suíomh na feirme gaoithe agus an pointe ceangailte leis an ngréille ag fostáisiún ceadaithe an Léana Léith.
- Mion-uasghrádú ar Bhealach isteach Suímh reatha ar an L-10142.
- Uasghrádú/Leathnú ar Bhealach isteach reatha ar an L-1622-1.
- Acomhal nua ón L-10142 chun tógáil agus rochtain chuig T1 a éascú.
- Uasghrádú/leathnú áitiúil feadh bhóithre rochtana reatha laistigh d'Fheirm Ghaoithe Meentycat.
- Dhá (2) champún suíomh tógála sealadacha (ceann timpeall 100m x 50m agus ceann timpeall 55m x 25m).
- Trí (3) shloc soláthair le húsáid mar fhoinsé ábhar cloiche i rith na tógála agus chun ábhair mhóna tochair bhreise a stóráil.
- Trí (3) limistéar móna/sil-leagan carta (ag láithreacha na sloc soláthair).
- Córas bainistíochta uisce dromchla lena mbaianeann.
- Leagan crainn chun forbairt suímh a éascú.

Tá cead pleanála deich mbliana agus saol oibríochta 30 bliain á lorg san iarratas seo ó dháta coimisiúnaithe na feirme gaoithe.

Ullmháidh Tuarascáil um Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta (EIAR) agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) i ndáil leis an bhforbairt a bheartaítear.

Is féidir iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar an iarratas pleanála, EIAR agus NIS saor in aisce nó iad a cheannach ach an táille sonraithe a íoc (táille nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann le cóip díobh a dhéanamh) i rith uaireanta oscailte poiblí ar feadh tréimhse seacht seachtainí dar tús an 7^ú Nollaig 2020 sna háiteanna seo a leanas:

- Oifigí an Bhoird Pleanála, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1.
- Oifigí Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, An Chearnóg, Leifear, Co. Dhún na nGall

Is féidir an t-iarratas a amharc/ioslódáil freisin ar an suíomh gréasáin aonair seo:

- www.drumnahoughwindfarmplanning.com

Is féidir aighneachtaí nó breithnithe a dhéanamh chuig an Bhord Pleanála (An Bord) maidir leis na himpleachtaí i gcomhair pleanáil agus forbairt inbhuanaithe an limistéir agus na tionchair dhóchúlacha a bheidh ar an timpeallacht nó ar aon suíomh Eorpach, má dhéantar an fhorbairt. Éilítear sna Rialacháin go luafar in aon aighneacht nó breithniú den chineál sin:

- Ainm an duine a bhfuil an aighneacht nó breithniú á dhéanamh acu, ainm an duine atá ag gníomhú ar a shon, más ann dó, agus an seoladh chuig ar cheart comhfhreagras maidir leis an iarratas a sheoladh.
- ábhar na haighneachta nó an bhreithnithe; agus
- na cúiseanna, ábhair agus argóintí ar a bhfuil sé bunaithe ina iomláine. (Dá dtagraíonn Airteagal 217 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt).

Caithear tálle €50 a sheoladh le haon aighneacht/bhreithniú (seachas i gcomhair comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe) agus ní mór go bhfaigheadh an Bord é nach déanaí ná 5.30pm ar an 5^ú Feabhra 2021.

Ní bhreathnóidh an Bord ar aon aighneacht nó breithniú nach gcloifidh leis na riachtanais thuas.

Féadfaidh an Bord ar a lánrogha iomlán éisteacht ó bhéal a réachtáil maidir leis an iarratas.

(I gcomhair tuilleadh sonraí féach 'Treoir maidir le Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail i bhForbairt Bonneagair Straitéiseach' ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie)

Féadfaidh an Bord cinneadh a dhéanamh i ndáil le haon iarratas ar chead:

- Cead a bhronnadh le coinníollacha nó gan choinníollacha,
- Cead a bhronnadh le hoiúintí sonraithe, le coinníollacha nó gan choinníollacha,
- Cead a bhronnadh i bpáirt, le coinníollacha nó gan choinníollacha, nó
- Cead a dhiúltú.

Féadfaidh aon duine bailíocht chinneadh den chineál sin ón Bhord a cheistiú trí iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú) de réir Alt 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Tá fáil ar fhaisnéis phraiticiúil ar an meicníocht athbhreithnithe ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie faoin gceann-teideal Fógra Faoi Athbhreithniú Breithiúnach nó ar shuíomh gréasáin Faisnéis do Shaoránaigh www.citizensinformation.ie