

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, Culliagh, 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

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DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 26th November 2020