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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020  
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála  
In Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development  
County Waterford and County Cork**

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Curns Energy Ltd., gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten year permission in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Lyreacarriga, Durnmoon South, Coolbeggan West, Popoga, Ballyconroy Commons, Ballyratty Commons, Shanapollagh and Killea, County Waterford and the townlands of Lyreanoman, Lyre, Ballyconroy, Knockanary, Breeda, Rearour North and Rearour South, County Cork. The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- i. Construction of up to 17 No. wind turbines with a maximum overall blade tip height of up to 150 metres.
- ii. 1 no. Meteorological Mast with a maximum height of up to 112 metres.
- iii. Construction of 1 no. staff welfare and storage facility including waste water holding tank, 10 no. battery containers, battery switchgear building, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, 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 via a 110 KV loop in connection.
- v. Upgrade of existing tracks, roads and provision of new site access roads and hardstand areas.
- vi. Construction of an access track in the townlands of Breeda and Rearour South to facilitate turbine delivery.
- vii. Junction improvement works in the townland of Killea to facilitate turbine delivery.
- ix. 3 no. borrow pits.
- x. 2 no. temporary construction compounds.
- xi. Site Drainage.
- xii. Forestry Felling.
- xiii. Signage, and
- xiv. 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 (EIA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement 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 15th of January 2021 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Waterford City and County Council, The Mall, County Waterford.
- The Offices of Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane, County Cork.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.lyreacarrigawindfarm.com](http://www.lyreacarrigawindfarm.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 5th of March 2021. 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](http://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 accessed on the Board's website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) under the following heading: Information on cases / Weekly lists - Judicial Review

This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 as amended  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF:  
THE LAOIS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017-2023  
AND**

**THE JOINT SPATIAL PLAN FOR THE GREATER CARLOW  
GRAIGUECULLEN URBAN AREA 2012-2018 (extended until 2022)**

Ref. No. in Planning Register 20/296

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, that Laois County Council intends to consider deciding to grant permission for the following development:-

Planning Ref. No. 20/296 - Permission for the continuance of the use on a permanent basis of the industrial unit as a place of worship to facilitate a community group. Temporary permission for 5 years was granted for the above under planning Reg No. 16/161 and this application for permission is sought to continue this usage on a permanent basis at Unit 5A, Barrowside Business Park, Steady Road, Graiguecullen, Co. Laois.

The site is located on lands zoned 'Retail Warehousing' as contained in the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012 - 2018 (extended until 2022).

A. The development proposed would contravene materially GZT No. C1.2 (Retail Warehousing) of the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012 - 2018 (extended until 2022).

B. The development of Church is not normally acceptable in principle within such a zoning classification as specified in the zoning matrix in Section 11 of the Joint Spatial Plan for the Greater Carlow Graiguecullen Urban Area 2012 - 2018 where the land in question is zoned for Retail Warehousing.

Particulars of the development may be inspected online at [www.laois.ie/planning](http://www.laois.ie/planning). A submission or observation may be made in writing on or before 5pm, Thursday 4th February 2021. Any submission or observation as regards the making of a decision to grant permission will be duly considered by the Planning Authority.

Joe Delaney, Director of Services, Planning,  
Laois County Council, County Hall,  
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

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