

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2021 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) Futureenergy Glenard Designated Activity Company, gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year planning permission for the following proposed development in the townlands of in the townlands of Glenard, Carrowmore or Glentogher, Meenyanly, Illies, Sorne, Carnamoyle, Owenkillew and Barnahone, Meenakeeragh, Tullydush Upper, Annaslee and Ballynahone, Co. Donegal.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- Construction of 15 No. wind turbines and associated hardstand areas with the following parameters:
 - a total tip height in the range of 162 metres minimum to 173 metres maximum,
 - hub height in the range of 96 metres minimum to 107 metres maximum, and
 - rotor diameter in the range of 132 metres minimum to 140 metres maximum
- 1 no. 110kV permanent electrical substation including a control building with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank and all ancillary structures and works;
- All works associated with the permanent 110kV connection from the proposed substation to the national electricity grid, via underground cabling within permanent cable ducts in the townlands of Meenyanly, Carnamoyle, Sorne, Owenkillew and Barnahone, Meenakeeragh Tullydush Upper, Annaslee and Ballynahone to the existing Trillick 110kV substation in the townland of Ballynahone;
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed wind farm substation;
- 1 no. Meteorological Mast of 104 metres in height;
- Upgrade of existing tracks and roads, provision of new permanent site access roads including a new site entrance (in the townland of Glenard);
- 1 no. borrow pit;
- 1 no. permanent peat and spoil repository area;
- Permanent placement of peat and spoil along sections of site access roads as part of the peat and spoil management plan for the site;
- 2 no. temporary construction compounds;
- Permanent recreation and amenity works, including marked trails, seating areas, amenity car park, and associated amenity signage;
- All temporary works associated with the facilitation of turbine component and abnormal load delivery;
- Construction of a permanent link road between the R240 Regional Road and the L1731 local road; construction of a second permanent link road on the L1731; permanent road widening at three locations along the L1731 (in the townlands of Carrowmore or Glentogher and Illies) all of which will facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads to the site during the construction period and may be used during the operational period if necessary or to facilitate the decommissioning of the wind farm. Following the construction period, access to the link roads will be closed off;
- Site Drainage;
- Site Signage;
- Ancillary Forestry Felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development; and
- All associated site development works.

The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 35 year turbine operational period from the date of overall commissioning.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application. The proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment of a Transboundary State i.e. Northern Ireland, an area of the United Kingdom or Great Britain and Northern Ireland. 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 11th February 2022 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902
- The Offices of Donegal County Council, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622
- The Office of Donegal County Council, Main Road, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, F93 YV1N

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.glenardplanning.ie. 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 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 1st April 2022. 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 decide to:

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

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 Rules 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 Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed	 (M. Crowe of MKO, Tuam Road, Galway (Agent))	Date of Erection of site Notice: 4 th February 2022
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