

An Chomhairle Ealaíon 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

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The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 30-year turbine operational period from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.

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**Our Ref:** 190907 **Your Ref:** 

07<sup>th</sup> June 2022

# Re: Section 37E Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Wind Farm Development & Associated Works, at Cuilleenoolagh and other townlands, County Roscommon.

Dear Mr. McCormack

On behalf of our client, Energia Renewables ROI Ltd. please find enclosed a copy of the planning application for the proposed construction of wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) in the townlands of Turrock, Cronin, Gortaphuill, Glenrevagh, Tullyneeny, Bredagh, Cuilleenirwan, Cuilleenoolagh, Curry, Milltown, Tobermacloughlin, Skeavally, Boleyduff, Clooncaltry, Feacle, Cam, Tawnagh, Cornageeha, Pollalaher, Brideswell, Knocknanool, Ballymullavill, Rooskagh, Bellanamullia, Cloonakille, Monksland and Commeen, Co. Roscommon.

- I. 20 no. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height of 180 metres, a rotor dimeter of 162m and a hub height of 99m, associated foundations, hard-standing areas
- II. 15 no. spoil storage areas at hardstands of turbines no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (in the townlands of Turrock, Gortaphuill, Cronin, and Tullyneeny) and turbines no. 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20 (in the townlands of Milltown, Cuilleenoolagh, Cloonacaltry, Feacle and Tawnagh)
- III. Provision of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast with a maximum height of 100 metres for a period of 30 years from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm
- IV. Provision of 1 no. 110kV onsite substation in the townland of Cam, along with associated control buildings, MV switchgear building, associated electrical plant, associated security fencing, and equipment and wastewater holding tank
- V. All underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the proposed wind turbines to the proposed onsite substation and associated control buildings and plant
- VI. All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid via underground 110kV cabling from the site to the existing Athlone 110kV substation located in the townland of Monksland. Cabling will be placed within the public road corridor of the R362, R363 and L2047, or on private land
- VII. Upgrade works to the existing 110kV Athlone substation consisting of the construction of an additional dedicated bay to facilitate connection of the cable

- VIII. Provision of 2 no. new site accesses north and south from the R363 and upgrade of 1 no. junction south of the R363
  - IX. Provision of new access tracks/roads and upgrade of existing access tracks/roads
  - X. 7 no. overburden storage areas
  - XI. 2 no. temporary construction compounds
- XII. Site drainage works
- XIII. Operational stage site signage
- XIV. All associated site development works, apparatus and signage

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompanies this planning application.

This planning application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). An Bord Pleanála have requested that we directly consult the TII as a prescribed body. As such we have issued you 1 no. USB with a copy of the information. All documentation can also be found at www.sevenhillswindfarm.ie.

A copy of the following information is provided:

- Planning Application Documentation
- Planning Application Drawings (See schedule of application form)
  - Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
    - Volume 1- EIAR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
    - Volume 2- Photomontages Booklet
    - Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (9:15am 5:30pm, Monday-Friday)
- The Offices of Roscommon County Council, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, County Roscommon, F42 VR98 (9:30am – 1pm; 2:00pm-4:30pm, Monday - Friday)

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of  $\notin 50$  (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. 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

I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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