

SITE NOTICE
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
Carlow County Council and Kilkenny County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), White Hill Wind Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year permission in relation to a proposed development in the townlands of Ridge, Knocknabranagh and Knockbaun, Baunreagh, and Agharue, Co. Carlow; and Coolcullen, Cloneen and Coan East, Co. Kilkenny; as follows:-

- i. 7 no. wind turbines with hub height of 104 metres, a rotor diameter of 162 metres and an overall tip height of 185 metres;
- ii. All associated turbine foundations and crane hardstanding areas;
- iii. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling;
- iv. Construction of internal wind farm access tracks;
- v. Construction of a site entrance from the L3037 local road and upgrades to 2 no. existing agricultural entrances from the L7122 local road;
- vi. 1 no. guy-wired meteorological mast with an overall height of 30 metres;
- vii. 1 no. temporary construction compound;
- viii. 3 no. borrow pits which, when exhausted, will be utilised to permanently store excess excavated material;
- ix. The storage, as required, of excavated material at 2 no. further dedicated spoil deposition areas;
- x. Change of use of existing residential dwelling to wind farm site office;
- xi. Felling of 15 hectares of commercial forestry plantation to facilitate the construction of wind farm infrastructure;
- xii. The construction of a temporary access track (150m in length) between the N78 national road and L1834 local road;
- xiii. Carriageway strengthening works at 'Black Bridge' on the L1835 and L3037;
- xiv. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works, temporary works to public roads along the turbine component haul route, the provision of site drainage infrastructure and environmental mitigation measures; and,
- xv. A 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development.

The site of the proposed development has a total area of 290 hectares.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany 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 23 December 2022 at the following locations:-

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902;
- The Offices of Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow, R93 E7R7; and
- The Offices of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, R95 A39T.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may also be viewed or downloaded on the following website: www.whitehillwindfarmplanning.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902; or via the Board's website www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations; during the abovementioned 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 or 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 19 February 2023. Such submissions or 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; and
- 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/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 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: Galetech Energy Services

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