



An  
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## Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) section 37E
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2. Applicant:

Name of Applicant:	Cloghercor Wind Farm Limited
Address:	Floor 5, City Quarter, Lapp's Quay, Cork
Telephone No:	+353 21 422 3600
Email Address (if any):	info@cloghercorwindfarm.com

**3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s):	Kevin McCarthy Kieran White TJ Hunter Andrew Mullins
Registered Address (of company)	Floor 5, City Quarter, Lapp's Quay, Cork
Company Registration No.	699640
Telephone No.	+353 21 422 3600
Email Address (if any)	info@cloghercorwindfarm.com

**4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name:	John Staunton of TOBIN Consulting Engineers
Address:	Block 10-4 Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15
Telephone No.	(0)1 803 0401
Mobile No. (if any)	n/a
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**Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [ **X** ] No:[ ]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Eamon Hutton (Ørsted), Floor 5, City Quarter, Lapp's Quay, Cork

+353 21 422 3600

info@cloghercorwindfarm.com

**5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:**

Name:	Michael Nolan & Eoghan Beggs
Firm / Company:	TOBIN Consulting Engineers
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<p>Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</p> <p>A schedule of drawings is included in Addendum 1 of this application form. 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies have been submitted as per the requirements of An Bord Pleanála.</p>	

**6. Site:**

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	Townlands of Clogherachullion, Cloghercor, Derryloaghan, Aghayeevoge, Cashelreagh Glebe, Darney, Drumard, and Drumnacross Co. Donegal.	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	Centre Point of main site = 585495, 901881 TDR Area 1 = 579253, 891283 TDR Area 2 = 584191, 880208 TDR Area 3 = 573466, 879181 TDR Area 4 = 574606, 878758 TDR Area 5 = 575192, 876176	
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	225.41 ha	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Variation no. 2 to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018 – 2024 in Respect of a Wind Energy Policy Framework: “Not Normally Permissible”  TDR Area 2: Frosses Layer 3 Town (Map 15.39) “Settlement Boundary”  TDR areas 1, 3, 4 & 5 are located on unzoned land	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing: Forestry, peatland & extensive agriculture. Existing meteorological mast present on site. For turbine delivery route works areas, existing use is roads and road verges, and agriculture.  Proposed: Renewable energy development - Wind Farm including a 110kV substation and a connection to the national grid. The proposal also includes an amenity trail for recreational use.	

Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Donegal County Council
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**7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:**

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other <b>X</b>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
Third party private landowners - Option agreements are in place with the relevant owners of the lands that are subject to this planning application. Landowner consent letters are included in Addendum 2 of this application form.		
<b>If you are not the legal owner</b> , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
<p><u>Main Site</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coillte, Dublin Road, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow</li> <li>• Finbarr &amp; Cara McLoughlan, Cookstown House, Kells, Co. Meath</li> <li>• Cairn Investment Company Limited, Sunlea, Blackrock Road, Co. Cork</li> <li>• David Barron, Carrowbawn, Ashford, Co. Wicklow</li> <li>• David Thompson, Clogher, Glenties, Co. Donegal</li> </ul> <p><u>Turbine Delivery Route</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derek Henry, Darney, Bruckless, Co. Donegal</li> <li>• Patrick &amp; Betty Johnston, Five Points, Killybegs, Co. Donegal</li> <li>• Gregory McCracken, Bruckless, Co. Donegal</li> <li>• Seamus Molloy, Drumnacross, Glenties, Co. Donegal</li> <li>• Paul &amp; Mary Rouiller, The Evergreens, Aghayeevoige, Killybegs, Co. Donegal</li> <li>• Michael &amp; Mary Thomas, Aghayeevoige, Killybegs, Co. Donegal</li> </ul>		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes. See site location drawings accompanying this planning application which shows the blue line boundary containing lands under the control of the applicant or the person who owns the land which is the subject of the application. The following drawings indicate the blue line boundary: 10798-2000, 10798-2001 & 10798-2002.		

**8. Site History:**

**Details regarding site history (if known):**

Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?

Yes: [ ] No: [X]

If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:

Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?

Yes: [ ] No:[X]

If yes, please give details:

**Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?**

Yes: [  ] No: [  ]

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant or Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
20/50720; ABP-308008-20	100M Met Mast application	Granted with 6 conditions attached

If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.

**Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?**

Yes: [  ] No: [  ]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_



## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The proposed development will constitute the provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erection of 19 no. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height range from 185m to 200m, a rotor diameter range from 149m to 164m, a hub height range from 112m to 125m, and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;</li><li>• Construction of new site entrance with access onto the L6483 local road for the construction phase (operational phase maintenance traffic only), and utilisation of a permitted forest entrance (PI. Ref. 1951040) to the L6483 as a second entrance to the wind farm for the construction phase;</li><li>• Improvements and temporary modifications to 4 no. locations adjacent to the public road to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads and turbine delivery on the R262 and N56 in the townlands of Drumard, Darney, Cashelreagh Glebe and Aghayeevoge, Co. Donegal;</li><li>• Construction of an area of temporary hard standing to function as a blade transfer area to facilitate turbine delivery, with associated access to and from the public road R262, in the townland of Drumnacross;</li><li>• Construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing;</li><li>• Installation of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast with a height of 100m;</li><li>• 4 no. borrow pits;</li><li>• Construction of new internal site access roads and upgrade of existing site roads, to include passing bays and all associated drainage;</li><li>• Construction of drainage and sediment control systems;</li><li>• Construction of 1 no. permanent 110kV electrical substation including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 1 no. EirGrid control building containing worker welfare facilities and equipment store;</li><li>○ 1 no. Independent Power Producer (IPP) control building containing HV switch room, site offices, kitchen facilities, storeroom and toilet amenities.</li><li>○ All electrical plant and infrastructure and grid ancillary services equipment;</li><li>○ Parking;</li><li>○ Lighting;</li><li>○ Security Fencing;</li><li>○ Wastewater holding tank;</li><li>○ Rainwater harvesting equipment;</li></ul></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All associated infrastructure and services including site works and signage;</li> <li>● All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm substation;</li> <li>● All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a loop-in 110 kV underground cable connection (approximately 4.1km cable length in underground trenches along approximately 3.36km of site road) to the existing 110kV overhead line in the townland of Cloghercor, Co. Donegal, with 2 no. new 16m and 21m high steel lattice end masts at each interface;</li> <li>● Removal of 13 no. existing wooden polesets and 1 no. steel lattice angle mast between the 2 no. proposed new interface end masts;</li> <li>● 2 no. watercourse (stream) crossings on the grid connection route;</li> <li>● All related site works and ancillary development including berms, landscaping, fencing and soil excavation;</li> <li>● Forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development and any onsite forestry replanting;</li> <li>● Development of a permanent public car park with seating/picnic tables at the end of the construction phase of the development with a new entrance on the L6483;</li> <li>● Permanent recreational facilities including marked walking trails along the site access roads, and associated recreation and amenity signage; and</li> <li>● A 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought.</li> </ul> <p>This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).</p>
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**10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:**

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m <sup>2</sup>
n/a	n/a


**11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:**

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	Substation Compound: 2 x Buildings, with a total of 750m <sup>2</sup> of proposed floor space (Eirgrid Control Building and IPP Building).
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A

**12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix:**

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apartments	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing: n/a	Proposed: n/a			Total: n/a	

**13. Social Housing:**

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		X
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which</p>		

section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.

**14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:**

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
The existing land use within the proposed wind farm site consists of agriculture, peatland, forestry and wind measurement. The grid route element of the proposed development is contained within the proposed wind farm site. The proposed temporary upgrades along the turbine delivery route are located on or adjacent to the public road, on agriculture lands and road verges.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Renewable Energy Development – Wind Farm Development for the production of electricity which will include recreational use, grid connection to allow the export of electricity to the national grid, and temporary accommodation works to allow for the delivery of turbine components.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
A renewable energy development comprising of 19 no. wind turbines, hardstanding areas and access tracks, a 110kV substation and ancillary infrastructure. An amenity trail and associated signage and parking for recreational use at the wind farm site. Grid connection which will be via a loop-in 110 kV underground cable connection (approximately 4.1km cable length in approximately 3.36km of underground trenches) to the existing 110kV overhead line in the townland of Cloghercor, Co. Donegal, with two new 16m and 21m high steel lattice end masts at each interface point. Temporary accommodation works at various points along the delivery route to allow for delivery of turbine components, all on a site area of 225.41 hectares.

**15. Development Details:**

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		X (Meenmore West NHA & West of Ardara/ Maas Road SAC)	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		X	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			X

Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?		<b>X</b>
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**16. Services:**

<b>Proposed Source of Water Supply:</b>
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):  Drinking water for staff will be bottled and tankered water brought to the site during construction stage. Non-potable water at the substation building (toilets, etc.) will be from rainwater harvesting.  Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): <hr/>
<b>Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:</b>
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/> Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify:  Portaloos will be used during construction and will be located in the construction compounds. Wastewater will be transported off site by a permitted waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater from the staff welfare facilities at the proposed substation compound will be stored in a sealed storage tank and removed from the site by a licensed waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant.
<b>Proposed Surface Water Disposal:</b>
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/>  Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify: Controlled diffuse drainage system proposed. Comprehensive site specific drainage details are set out in accompanying drawings and within Chapter 2 of the accompanying EIAR.

## 17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Donegal Democrat – 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 Irish Independent – 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2023  Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]  There are a total of 11 no. site notices at the proposed wind farm site and along the proposed turbine delivery route where temporary accommodation works are required. Site notice locations are depicted in the following Drawings: 10798-2000, 10798-2001, 10798-2002  Date of site notice erection: 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
Project website for public information: <a href="https://cloghercorwindfarm.com/">https://cloghercorwindfarm.com/</a>  Website including all planning documents, drawings and environmental reports: <a href="http://cloghercorwindfarmplanning.com">cloghercorwindfarmplanning.com</a>  A schedule of consultation is included in Addendum 3 of this planning application.

## 18. Pre-application Consultation:

<b>Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2021 & 13 <sup>th</sup> of September 2022
<b>Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</b>  Pre-application consultation meetings between the Applicant and An Bord Pleanála took place on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2021 and on the 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please refer to Addendum 3 of this planning application for details of consultation. Further detail of consultation is included in Chapter 1 of the accompanying EIAR and a Community Consultation Report is included in Appendix 1.5 of the EIAR.

Enclosed:

Yes: [  ] No:[  ]

Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a copy of these notifications is included in Addendum 4 of this planning application form.

Enclosed: See schedule of prescribed bodies attached in Addendum 4.

Yes: [  ] No:[  ]

**19. Confirmation Notice:**

**Copy of Confirmation Notice**

EIA Portal confirmation is included in Addendum 5 of this planning form.

EIA Portal ID number 2023033

**20. Application Fee:**

Fee Payable

€100,000.00

Proof of payment is enclosed in Addendum 6 of this planning form.

**I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.**

Signed:  
(Applicant or Agent as appropriate)



Dr. John Staunton TOBIN Consulting Engineers  
(Addressed supplied under Question 4)

Date:	09/03/2023

**General Guidance Note:**

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

September 2018