

An  
Bord  
Pleanála

## 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:	<b>Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Section 37E</b>
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd.
Address:	Main St., Newbridge, Co. Kildare
Telephone No:	045 439000
Email Address (if any):	N/A

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Thomas Egan, Joseph Coleman and John Patrick Reilly
Registered Address (of company)	Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare
Company Registration No.	218162
Telephone No.	045-439000
Email Address (if any)	N/A

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

Name:	TOBIN Consulting Engineers
Address:	Block 10-4, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin
Telephone No.	01-8030401
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	info@tobin.ie

**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: [  ] No: [  ]

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

Brian Gallagher, TOBIN Consulting Engineers, 091-513300

E-mail: [brian.gallagher@tobin.ie](mailto:brian.gallagher@tobin.ie)

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

Name:	Michael Nolan
Firm / Company:	TOBIN Consulting Engineers
Address:	Block 10-4, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin
Telephone No:	01-8030401
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	michael.nolan@tobin.ie

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.

See attached Planning Drawing Register. Two hard copies and one electronic copy are submitted with this application.

**6. Site:**

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>The proposed development is located in the Townlands of Laghtanvack, Croaghaun (also known as Croaghaun West), Moneynieran, Corvoderry, Shanvolahan, Dooleeg More, Shranakilly, Bellacorick and Shanvodinnaun, County Mayo</p>
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>OSI 1:5000 Sheet Nos: 1175, 1176, 1177, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1310, 1311, 1312 &amp; 1380.</p> <p>Grid coordinates of approximate centre of the site 501300, 822000 (ITM)</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares.</p>	<p>2,282 hectares</p>
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>Zoning – Tier 1 – Preferred (Large Wind Farms) Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy 2011-2020</p>
<p>Existing use of the site &amp; proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>Existing use: the site is currently a mixture of forestry, renewable energy generation, wind measurement, and rehabilitated cutover peatland. The site was formerly the site of peat extraction up to 2003.</p> <p>Proposed use: Renewable energy development – Wind Farm and associated infrastructure (see Section 9 for full details).</p>
<p>Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:</p>	<p>Mayo County Council</p>

**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.		
A Letter of Consent from landowners has been provided to the applicant for this planning application (enclosed).		
<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>Bord na Móna Energy Ltd.          Company Number: 303287          Company Directors: Ger Breen, Paddy (Patrick) Rowland and Lorna Devenney.          Registered Address: Main St, Newbridge, Co. Kildare</p> <p>RENEWABLE ENERGY IRELAND LIMITED (REIL)          Company Number: 165815          Company Directors: Tom Egan, Joseph Coleman and John Reilly          Registered Address: Bord Na Mona, Main Street, Newbridge Co. Kildare.</p> <p>See attached letters.</p>		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
<p>Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd. has a beneficial interest in adjoining lands.</p> <p>Bord na Móna Energy Ltd. own lands adjacent to the proposed development. The extent of this ownership is outlined on Planning Drawings 10889-2001 and 10889-2002</p>		

## 8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
<p>Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?</p> <p>Yes: [ ] No: [ <b>X</b> ]</p> <p>If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:</p> <p>The hydrological regime of the site is detailed in EIAR Chapter 11, and a Flood Risk Assessment is included as an appendix to that chapter.</p> <p>Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?</p> <p>Yes: [ <b>X</b> ] No:[ ]</p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p> <p>Peat extraction operations and associated activities.</p>

<b>Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?</b>		
Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]		
If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications		
<b>Reg. Ref. No:</b>	<b>Nature of Proposed Development</b>	<b>Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála</b>
P90/1077	Bellacorick Wind Farm 21 Turbines	Granted
P92/355	Wind Farm Control Building	Granted
011975	Bord Gáis Eireann Temporary site compound associated with the construction of the Galway – Mayo gas pipeline	Granted
P01/2826	3 x 50m high wind measuring masts	Granted
01/2542(PL 16. 131260)	180 Wind Turbine Development	Granted
P12/554	Retention of 4 no. temporary meteorological masts	Granted
PA0029	Oweninny Wind Farm - 112 Wind Turbines	Granted
16/1013	Wind Monitoring Mast, with Instruments, up to 100m in height	Granted

18/447	Wind Monitoring Mast, with instruments up to 100m in height	Granted
PM0011	Request to alter the terms of the previously permitted Oweninny Wind Farm (Application ref: 16.PA0029)	Alter decision - Not a material Alteration (No EIS)
PM0013	Proposed alteration to the Oweninny Windfarm development and associated works at Bellacorrick,	Alter decision - Is a Material Alteration (No EIS)
PM16.307261	Section 146B Planning application for amendments to An Bord Pleanála case reference PA0029 for Oweninny Wind Farm	Granted
PM16.309043	Section 146B application for amendments to An Bord Pleanála case reference PA0029 for Oweninny Wind Farm	Granted
LS16.311862	Application for leave to apply for substitute consent for peat extraction.	Pending Decision
<p>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.</p>		
<p><b>Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?</b></p>		
<p>Yes: [ ] No:[ X ]</p>		
<p>If yes please specify</p>		
<p>An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____</p>		



## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The construction of 18 no. wind turbines and ancillary works. Permission is sought for wind turbines with a hub height of 121m, a rotor diameter of 158m, and a top of foundation to blade tip height of 200m.</p> <p>Bord na Móna Powergen Limited intends to apply for planning permission for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 no. wind turbines (including tower sections, nacelle, hub, and rotor blades) and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;</li> <li>• Decommissioning and removal of 21 no. existing Bellacorick Wind Farm wind turbines (including tower sections, nacelle, hub, and rotor blades);</li> <li>• New internal site access roads, approximately 29,000m in length (permanent and temporary), passing bays, car parking and associated drainage;</li> <li>• An amenity route through the site to the existing Visitors Centre with access from a local road off the N59 near Dooleeg;</li> <li>• 2 no. borrow pits;</li> <li>• 5 no. peat deposition areas;</li> <li>• 1 No. permanent Meteorological Mast 120m high, and the decommissioning and removal of an existing 100m Meteorological Mast on site;</li> <li>• 4 no. temporary construction compounds, including material storage, site welfare facilities, and site offices;</li> <li>• 1 no. 110kV electrical substation compound. The electrical substation will have 2 No. control buildings, a 36m high telecommunications tower, associated electrical plant and equipment and a wastewater holding tank.</li> <li>• All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed substation;</li> <li>• All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, including a 110kV underground electrical cable from the proposed on-site electrical sub-station to the existing sub-station at Bellacorick;</li> <li>• All related site works and ancillary development including (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Earthworks;</li> <li>○ Peat management works;</li> <li>○ Site security;</li> <li>○ Groundwater and surface water management;</li> <li>○ Overburden (soils/peat) storage and management; and</li> <li>○ Site reinstatement, landscaping and erosion control.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A 10-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.</li> </ul>
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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:**

<b>Class of Development:</b>	<b>Gross Floor Area in m<sup>2</sup></b>
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>	678 m <sup>2</sup>
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: n/a**

<b>Number of</b>	<b>Studio</b>	<b>1 Bed</b>	<b>2 Bed</b>	<b>3 Bed</b>	<b>4 Bed</b>	<b>4 + Bed</b>	<b>Total</b>
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>		<b>X</b>
<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 section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

**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)
<p>Cutover, cutaway and rehabilitated bog.</p> <p>Wind measurement.</p> <p>Peat extraction took place at the site from 1962 to 2003.</p>
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Renewable Energy Development – Wind Farm and associated infrastructure (see Section 9 for full details).
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
<p>Wind Farm comprising 18 no. wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the production of electricity which will include grid connection to allow the export of electricity to the national grid and associated amenity use.</p>

**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	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		X enclosed	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X enclosed	
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?			X

**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): <b>X</b> Non-potable water from rainwater harvesting and from private well. Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): N/A _____
<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: Temporary sealed storage tank for wastewater, tankered off-site by a permitted 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: All surface water run-off from the development (including during construction works) will pass through either temporary or permanent settlement ponds.

**17. Notices:**

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Mayo News: published date Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 Irish Independent: published date Wed 29 <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
The locations of site notices are shown on Planning Drawings 10889 2000-2002  Date of erection of site notices: Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023  Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
Planning application website <a href="http://www.oweninnywindfarmphasethreeplanning.ie">www.oweninnywindfarmphasethreeplanning.ie</a>  EIAR Portal: ID Number 2023050

**18. Pre-application Consultation:**

<b>Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála</b>
<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>
Enclosed: see attached schedule of pre-application consultation  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.
Enclosed: see attached schedule of prescribed bodies  Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>


**19. Confirmation Notice:**

<b>Copy of Confirmation Notice</b>
A copy of the Confirmation Notice is attached from the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.

**20. Application Fee:**

Fee Payable	€100,000 Paid by EFT
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**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)	 Brian Gallagher, TOBIN Consulting Engineers (Agent)
Date:	31 <sup>st</sup> March 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.

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