

An
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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:	Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Coolglass Wind Farm Limited
Address:	Statkraft Ireland Ltd, Building 4200, Cork Airport Business Park, T12D23C Cork
Telephone No:	C/O Agent (see section 4)
Email Address (if any):	C/O Agent (see section 4)

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Kevin O'Donovan Alan Michael Goggins Donal O'Sullivan
Registered Address (of company)	Building 4200, Cork Airport Business Park, T12D23C Cork
Company Registration No.	590594
Telephone No.	C/O Agent (see section 4)
Email Address (if any)	C/O Agent (see section 4)

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

Name:	SLR Environmental Consulting (Ireland) Ltd
Address:	7 Dundrum Business Park, Windy Arbour, Dublin, D14 N2Y7
Telephone No.	+353 (0)1 2964667
Mobile No. (if any)	-
Email address (if any)	goreilly@slrconsulting.com

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:

Gerald O’Reilly +44 7976692955

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Michael McGovern
Firm / Company:	SLR Environmental Consulting (Ireland) Ltd
Address:	7 Dundrum Business Park, Windy Arbour, Dublin, D14 N2Y7
Telephone No:	+353 (0)1 2964667
Mobile No:	-
Email Address (if any):	Goreilly@slrconsulting.com

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.

Please refer to the appended Planning Drawing Register in Addendum 1. 2 hard copies and 8 electronic copies of each drawing are submitted with the application.

6. Site:

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>The northern cluster of the Proposed Development is comprised of a geographical area defined by Fossy Lower Road at the northernmost extent, the R426 at the westernmost extent, Luggacurren Road at its easternmost extent, and Knocklead Road to its southernmost extent.</p> <p>The southern cluster of the Proposed Development is comprised of a geographical area defined by Knocklead Road at its southernmost extent, Crissard Road at its easternmost extent, Knocklead/Moyadd road at its westernmost extent and Slatt Lower road at its southernmost extent. Elements of the Proposed Development which will be located in the southern cluster, if consented</p> <p>The TDR is located within the townlands of Monamanry, Brennanshill, Knocklead, Aghoney, Timahoe, Carrigeen, Ballygormill South, Money Upper, Hophall, Rathleague, Ballymooney, Rathbrennan</p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>Fossy ISO 50k190, Fossy ISO 5k198, Fossy ISO 5k199, Fossy ISO 5k201, Fossy ISO 5k202, Fossy ISO 5k204, Fossy ISO 5k205</p> <p>OSM, M54, M55, M60, M61</p> <p>Grid reference: S 55692 88470</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>73.4 ha</p>	
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>Not zoned</p>	
<p>Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>Agriculture and forestry</p>	

Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Laois Co. 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 x	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<p>The applicant has entered into legal agreements that allow for the demising of the outlined lands that make up the site for the purposes of constructing and operation a wind farm and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>The lands in respect of which the wind farm is proposed are owned by 9 different parties. Please see enclosed letters of consent in Addendum 2.</p>		
<p>If you are not the legal owner, 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>		
<p>The names and addresses of the owners of the lands that are the subject of this application are detailed in the schedule included in Addendum 2.</p>		
<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>		
<p>The applicant has no beneficial interest in lands adjoining, abutting or adjacent to the site.</p>		

8. Site History:

<p>Details regarding site history (if known):</p>
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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: [x] No:[]

If yes, please give details:

Small pre-1963 borrow pit located in one section of the site.

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

Yes: [] No: [x]

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 of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
N/A	N/A	N/A

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:[x]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<p>for a ten - year permission, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works in the townlands of Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill, Monamantry, Coolglass, Crissard, Kylenebehy, Monamanry, Brennanshill, Knocklead, Aghoney, Timahoe, Carrigeen, Ballygormill South, Money Upper, Hophall, Rathleague, Ballymooney, Rathbrennan, County Laois. The site is 74.32 ha in size. The development will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of 13 No. wind turbines within two clusters with an overall ground to blade tip height of 180m. The wind turbines will have a rotor diameter ranging from 155m to 162m inclusive and a hub height ranging from 99 to 102.5m inclusive.• Construction of permanent turbine hardstands and turbine foundations.• Construction of 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation including 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing and gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, and all ancillary structures and works.• Construction of a 33kV collector cable circuit connecting the wind farm two clusters along the L3851/Knocklead Road• Construction of two temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing.• Development of one on-site borrow pit.• Construction of new permanent internal site access roads, upgrade of existing internal site access roads, including passing bays and all associated drainage infrastructure• Development of an internal site drainage network and sediment control systems.• All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substation.• All associated site development works including berms, landscaping, and soil excavation.• Improvement of a site entrance to an existing access off the L3851/Knocklead local road to include localised widening of the road and creation of a splayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of
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	<p>abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries. Improvements include removal of existing vegetation for visibility splays to facilitate the use of the access for the delivery of construction materials to the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new site entrance slip road from the L3851 / Knocklead local road to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries. Works at this location require the removal of existing forestry to facilitate the use of the access for the delivery of construction materials to the site and for use during the operational phase. • Construction related temporary upgrade works on the turbine delivery route to facilitate the delivery of turbine components to include the use of temporary road surfaces at a roundabout at the southern exit of Junction 16 of the M7, the R425/N80 roundabout and the R426 – L3851 junction. • The erection of a permanent meteorological mast 102.5m in height • A 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development.
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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 ²
N/A	N/A

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

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	n/a
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	n/a
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	n/a
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (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							
Apartments							
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:			Total:	

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 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)
Agricultural and commercial forestry.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
A renewable energy development for electricity generation - wind farm and associated infrastructure.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The development of a renewable energy for electricity generation - wind farm and associated infrastructure

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	

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?		x

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
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): _____ N/A _____
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): _____ N/A _____
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
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 construction wastewater to be retained in a sealed storage tank and tankered off-site by a permitted waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain: Soakpit:

Watercourse: Other: Please specify:

On site drainage including trackside drainage channels, settlement ponds and buffered outfalls as shown on Drawing

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication

Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: No:

Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection

Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: No:

Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website

Website Address: www.coolglasswindfarmsid.ie
EIAR portal: Ref. See addendum 6.

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála

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.

Enclosed: See the schedule of additional pre-application consultation attached in Addendum 3

Yes: No:

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 the schedule of additional pre-application consultation attached in Addendum 4

See the schedule of prescribed bodies attached in Addendum 4 (as recommended by An Bord Pleanála, correspondence dated 11th May 2023). Copies of the notifications are also attached in Addendum 4.

Yes: No:

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.

See addendum 6

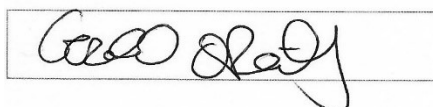
20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000 paid by EFT (Transfer confirmation in Addendum 5).

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)



	Gerald O'Reilly, SLR Consulting
Date:	

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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