

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
County Laois

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Coolglass Wind Farm Limited, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála 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, Monamanry, Coolglass, Crissard, Kylenebehy, Monamanry, Brennanshill, Knocklead, Aghoney, Timahoe, Carrigeen, Ballygormill South, Money Upper, Hophall, Rathleague, Ballymooney, Rathbrennan, County Laois. The site is 74.5 ha in size. The development will consist of:

- 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 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.
- 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.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 21st August 2023 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.
- The Offices of Laois County Council, Áras an Chontae, James Fintan Lalor Ave, Kylekiproe, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EHP9

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://www.coolglasswindfarmsid.ie>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out, and (iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/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 9th October 2023**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) 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 to the application should be sent; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

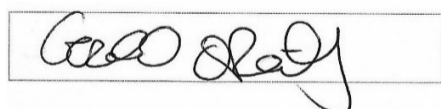
Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application. (For further details please see ‘A Guide to Public participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie).

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 it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

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 Rules 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 under the heading “Information on cases / Weekly lists” – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Signed



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