Glenora Wind Farm

Community Report

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INTRODUCTION

This report describes the consultation process undertaken by co-development partners SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland in relation to the proposed Glenora Wind Farm. This report will lay out the steps taken by the partner companies to ensure that communities and stakeholders were, and continue to be, consulted, and engaged on the project, throughout its development.

APPROACH TO CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The co-development partners recognise the importance of ensuring that communities in the vicinity of a development are kept fully informed on the project, and its progression. It is also of critical importance to provide communities and stakeholders with avenues to contribute to the development of a project, through the provision of opportunities to review, comment on, and influence proposals where possible. Working in partnership, we aim to deliver a best practice approach to community engagement, upholding the standards set out in the DCCAE's Code of Practice for Wind Energy. During the development phase of the Glenora project, the aims of our consultation and engagement approach were to:

- Communicate early
- Communicate openly and honestly
- Provide an opportunity for consultees to have their say
- To listen and understand the views of the communities
- To answer questions
- To identify and understand any local issues that should be considered in the development of the project.

Consultation Guidance

In December 2016, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment published the Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland, Guidelines for Community Engagement. The key driver behind the Code of Practice was "to ensure that wind energy development in Ireland is undertaken in observance with the best industry practices and with the full engagement of communities around the country".

The co-development partners place a high value on the importance of engaging with the local community in an open, honest and transparent manner and have strived to robustly comply with the fundamentals outlined in the Code of Practice in this respect. The project team have actively sought to engage with the local community throughout the pre-planning phase of the development. This approach has afforded the local community an opportunity to input and have an influence on the final project design.

This Community Report is also produced in line with relevant proposals set out in the draft Wind Energy Guidelines published in December 2019. The draft guidelines propose that planning applications for wind farms should contain a Community Report that outlines how developers have consulted and engaged with the local community regarding the proposed development and how they will work with the local community to allow for the free flow of information between the community and the developer at all stages in the project. The Community Report must also outline steps taken to ensure that the proposed development will be of enduring economic and social benefit to the communities concerned.

Project Resources

In order to implement a robust community engagement, approach the co-development partners have resourced this project with a number of dedicated staff from the outset. The following key personnel have been involved in Community Engagement on the Glenora Wind Farm Project from within SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland.

Tom Coleman - Project Manager, SSE Renewables

Janine Thomas - Communications Manager, FuturEnergy Ireland

Emmet McLaughlin - Assistant Project Manager, FuturEnergy Ireland

Tom Burke - Community Liaison Officer, SSE Renewables

Vicky Boden - External Affairs, SSE Renewables

Context and Consultation Undertaken

The co-development partners have committed to undertake a comprehensive consultation on all of their development projects. For Glenora wind farm, early consultation coincided with the Covid-19 pandemic, to that end the co-development partners had to re-evaluate the consultation process, to ensure that the community were consulted and still received the same high level of information.

The co-development partners deceided to deliver pre-planning consultation and engagement in three phases:

Phase 1: Introducing the Project

Once the parameters of the project became clear, the co-development partners sought to make members of the local community aware of the project. Our initial approach targeted the following audiences:

- Project neighbours, located within 2km of the proposed site
- Residents & landowners along the public & private road from the R314 to the proposed wind farm site
- Local Political Stakeholders
- Local Community Groups

At all stages of the community engagement process, contact details in the form of a contact phone number and email address for enquiries were distributed including on the leaflets and information brochures. A contact and feedback facility is also included on the project website (details of the website are provided below).

At this phase of the project, our approach consisted of introducing ourselves and the proposed development.

In September 2020 SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland made the first contact with the local community with regard to the potential for the development of a renewable energy project in the locality. SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland notified residents by hand delivering a letter to all houses within 2km of the proposed site boundary. This letter was accompanied by an information leaflet outlining the project details and location of the proposed renewable development. (Please see appendix 1 & 1a)

All elected local representatives and local community groups were provided with the same information by SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland explaining the intentions of the applicant. The purpose of this approach was to make the elected local representatives aware of the proposed renewable development, should they receive enquiries from their constituents. (Please see appendix 1 & 1a)

March 2021 a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) was appointed as the point of the contact for the Project and has been engaging with the local community. Since then contact details for the CLO and Glenora Project Manager were provided to all residents within 2km of the site boundary via an introductory letter. (Please see appendix 2)

In June 2021 a newsletter was delivered to all residents within the 2km area of the project, this newsletter detailed project updates and the next steps that would be undertaken. (Please see appendix 3)

Also in June an independent project website was created, https://www.glenorawindfarm.com. The website includes detail on the following: (Please see appendix 4)

- About SSE Renewables & FuturEnergy Ireland
- About the Project
- Community
- Documents
- Consultation
- Contact Details

In July 2021 we contacted all residents informing them that representatives from the project team would be in the area on the 9th of August 2021 and to contact us if they wished to discuss the project in accordance with all Covid 19 government guidance. (Please see appendix 5)

December 2021 representatives from the project team had a meeting with several stakeholders to give an overview of the project and answer any concerns or queries they had.

- Meeting with CEO of Mayo County Council to give overview of proposed project.
- Meeting with Westport/Belmullet MDC to give an overview of the Glenora Project. Follow up meetings with some members of the MDC to discusses the Project team's approach to the administration of the Community Benefit Fund for the project.
- Meeting with the Western Development Commission to discuss proposed project.

Phase 2: Pre Application Consultation Events

The pre application consulation events took a two stranded approach due to restrictions still in place due to Covid 19 and also to respect any concerns the community may have had with regard to a public event on the back of a pandemic. Therefore SSE Renewables took the opportunity to have a phased approach to consultation beginning in November 2021 with a virtual consultation room which incorporated all the facets of an in person event. This included an introduction video, information boards, and 360 photomontages. There was also a feedback form and a call back request button.

The second phase of the consultation process was an in person event at Ballycastle Community Hall in April 2022. Members of the Glenora Wind Farm project team were on hand to discuss the project and answer any questions. The information boards and feed back forms were a duplicate of the virtual consultation room.

The purpose of these consultation events was to inform the wider public of the project details, to present the proposed site layout, provide updated information and explain the benefits of the project and also the availability of a community benefit fund. The co-development partners also wanted to invite feedback from the local community. Six members of the project team attended the event including representatives of SSE Renewables, FuturEnergy Ireland and MKO (the EIAR consultant) and specialists were available to deal with any specific queries from the public. A number of poster boards on topics as outlined below were displayed at the online consultation event, as at the in-person event. (Please see appendix 6)

- Project Development Partners
- About the Project
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Proposed Grid Connection
- Noise & Shadow Flicker
- Benefits of the Project
- Community Engagement
- Project Location
- Turbine Layout Map
- Landscape & Visual
- Traffic Management
- Projected Timeframes
- Community Fund
- Meet the Team

Information leaflets supporting the information on the poster boards were also made available as part of this engagement event (Appendix 7). Attendees were invited to take this literature with them from the public information event. The information event was held on the 27th April 2022 from 2 – 8pm in Ballycastle Community Hall with a total of 30 members of the public in attendance, 13 of whom filled out a feedback form (Appendix 8).

The main issues and queries that arose during the event, and which were discussed with attendees by the project representatives, included project location, design and layout and grid connection route.

As part of this public engagement event, a feedback form via a "comment box" was provided seeking comments and suggestions from attendees and asking if they would like to be kept informed on the progress of the proposed development.

Advertising and Promotion

In order to ensure that members of the community and interested stakeholders were aware of the public information event a leaflet was distributed to all homes and businesses within a 2km radius of the proposed Glenora site. The event was also advertised in the Western People (Appendix 9) and on Mid West Radio, the local radio station (Appendix 10), in the weeks preceding the event.

Web presence

A dedicated project website was established in June 2021 www.glenorawindfarm.com (Appendix 11) which enabled and supported the outreach being delivered. This website also provided a high-level overview of the project, and hosted a virtual consultation, thus ensuring that those unable to attend the public information event on the day, still had access to the relevant information. The website also included contact details of the project team should any member of the public wish to comment on the proposed development or request further information.

Phase 3: Ongoing availability and presence

On completion of Phase 1 & 2, the project reduced activity from a public engagement perspective and concentrated on finalising Glenora EIAR activity from an engagement perspective. The goal during this phase was to maintain an ongoing presence for the project, and to remain available to members of the public should they wish to make contact. Our approach to Phase 3 consisted of:

1) Web presence: The webpage built as part of Phase 1, was maintained on an ongoing basis. As part of this process, project updates were uploaded to the webpage at various stages.

2) Community Liaison Officer contact details: Contact details for the CLO were advertised on the project website. These details included a telephone number and project email address, which was and continues to be monitored during office hours on a daily basis, Monday to Friday.

3) Engaging our existing network: SSER have established structures for engagement both formally and informally, with stakeholders and communities living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed wind farm.

4) Newsletter issued in July 2023 informing local residents and stakeholders that Glenora Wind Farm application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by the second quarter of 2023.

OPPORTUNITES AND BENEFITS

The Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland stipulates that wind farm developers should identify enduring economic benefit to the communities concerned from the proposed development and should also highlight economic benefits to the communities concerned.

Short Term Economic Benefits

SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland recognise that our consented projects bring with them many local opportunities through both the construction and operational phases. During construction, it is estimated that at peak construction circa 100-120 jobs will be created. This in turn will have a knock-on effect on the local economy through the supply of services to the workforce. Local businesses will have the opportunity to provide their services, which might include accommodation or the supply of sundries, materials, labour or equipment.

To ensure that local businesses have the best chance of becoming part of the project supply chain, if consented, we will hold a 'Meet the Buyer' event before we begin construction, which will be advertised in the local press. These events allow interested businesses to meet our contractors and to discuss the opportunities that they might benefit from. As with all SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland developments, there will also be opportunities for local community benefit funding.

Long Term Social and Economic Benefits

SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland strongly believe in playing our part locally by contributing to the social, environmental and economic well-being of communities surrounding our wind farms. One of the most important aspects of developing and operating wind farms is working in partnership with local people to deliver tangible socio-economic benefits. Since 2008, we have awarded over €11m in Ireland and £4.3million in NI to community projects in proximity to our wind farms through our Community Fund programmes. We have allocated funding to a range of measures with a focus on energy efficiency, education, sustainability and safety.

Should Glenora Wind Farm be consented, it has the potential to provide significant additional investment into community projects that will benefit local residents and businesses.

SSE Airtricity has been harnessing our greatest natural resource for the past 25 years, providing cleaner, renewable energy for homes and businesses across the country. Since 2008 SSE has invested significantly in Ireland, with a total economic contribution of more than €3.8bn to the economy.

SSE owns and operates 29 onshore wind farms across the island of Ireland, totalling 809MW, capable of generating enough wind power to power over half a million homes annually, and offsetting over half a billion kilos in carbon emissions. Once in operation, a community benefit fund will be established, and will be delivered in line with industry best practice, including close consultation with local communities neighbouring the project on the strategy for the Community Fund, so as to ensure that it delivers for local needs. It is estimated that the Fund delivered could be approximately €700,000 per annum, over the fifteen years (at €2per MW/H).

Local Economic Investment

This development, when in operation, will also support the local excequer through the payment of substantial commercial rates to Mayo County Council. These services include provisions such as road upkeep, fire services, environmental protection, street lighting, footpath maintenance etc. along with other community and cultural support initiatives.

IMPACT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The level of feedback received during all three phases of engagement on the project has been positive. The feedback forms that were filled in were positive comments on the proposal. No requests were received in which stakeholders or members of the local community sought to amend the project design.

CONCLUSION

As co-development partners in the Glenora Wind Farm project, SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland have carried out an active engagement, consultation and dialogue with the local community from an early stage in the development, and preapplication stage of the Glenora Wind Farm project. The consultation process has been a valuable exercise. The process also enhanced our understanding of the key issues and concerns of the local community, relating to wind farm development, as well as other wider issues impacting the communities. We have also established a network of contacts in the area. This network will be of critical importance, to allow for a partnership approach to develop, if the project is to progress to construction. Through the development of the wind farm, the community benefit package, employment during the construction and operation of the development and also through the annual rates payable to the local authority, we are confident that the proposed Glenora Wind Farm will provide an enduring economic and social benefit to the communities surrounding the proposed project.

Appendix 1a

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02 September 2020

Dear Resident,

Proposed Wind Farm at Glenora

I hope you are keeping well. I am writing to you from SSE Renewables, and on behalf of our co-development partners, Coillte CGA. I would like to share some information about our companies and some of the works that we are carrying out in your area.

SSE Renewables is Ireland's leading developer, owner and operator of onshore wind farms. Since 2008, we have invested over €2.5 billion in Ireland's sustainable energy infrastructure. We operate 28 onshore wind farms making us the largest generator and provider of renewable energy across the island of Ireland. SSE Renewables and Coillte are proud to have contributed over €8.3 million in funding since 2008 to communities close to our wind farms in Ireland. This funding has been able to assist more than 2743 local projects, focused primarily on sustainability, energy efficiency and safety initiatives. The community fund is paid out one year after the windfarm starts producing electricity.

Coillte Renewable Energy also have extensive experience in the design, construction and operation of wind energy developments throughout Ireland and currently have ambitions to develop over 1 gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy over the next ten years.

Together we are exploring the potential to develop a wind farm in your area. The proposed development is made up of 16 turbines with a total installed capacity of 90MW. The project is currently at an early feasibility assessment stage.

As part of our feasibility assessments, SSE Renewables and Coillte CGA are currently carrying out environmental survey works at the site.

We are keen to work closely with you and the wider community on this project. Ordinarily, it would be our preference to knock on your door and to introduce ourselves face to face.

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However, given the current environment, and the HSE guidance on Covid 19, we must change the way that we work, for both your safety and mine. With safety in mind, we would like to let you know in advance, that I, and members of the project team will be in the area in

the coming weeks and would really like to meet with you, to talk about the project and answer any queries you may have.

If you would prefer that I didn't call at your door, just call 0818 211 500 to let me know. We can then arrange to talk about the project and answer any question you may have over the phone instead. Alternatively, you can email clo@sse.com.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best regards,

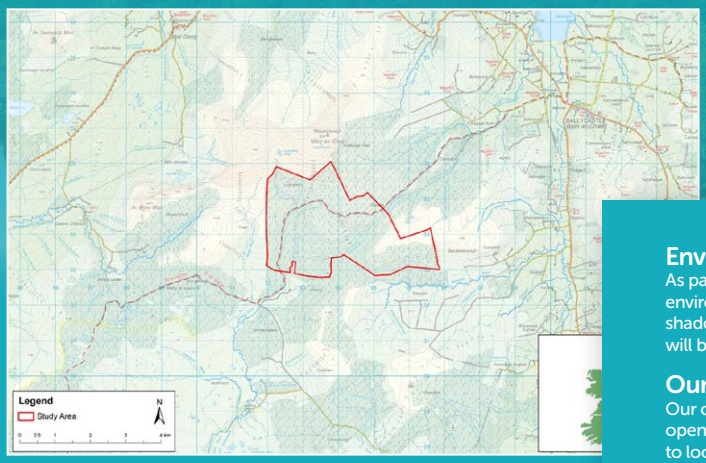
Louise Glennon,
Public Affairs Manager,
SSE Renewables.

Appendix 1

Glenora
Wind Farm Proposal

A CO – DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY
SSE RENEWABLES AND COILLTE CGA

SSE Renewables Ireland and Coillte CGA are jointly exploring the potential for a new renewable wind energy project at Glenora in County Mayo.



The proposed Glenora Wind Farm is located circa 5km South West of Ba and circa 5km South East of Belderrig Village. Currently the proposal is f turbine 60 MW project. This project will be able to power 40,000 home clean green energy whilst offsetting approximately 50,000 tonnes of ha C02 emissions per year.

The proposed project is being fully designed to be able to comply with for updated Wind Energy Guidelines and will have an associated commu benefit fund. The co-development partners will also be exploring the possibility of a community investment scheme that will be set out in the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS).

Environment
As part of development proposals the project will undergo a comprehensive environmental analysis which will cover a range of issues such as ecology, shadow flicker, noise, landscape and visual to name a few. These assessments will be carried out by specialist environmental consultants.

Our Focus
Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all our stakeholders. Through open and early dialogue, we aim to design and build projects that contribute to local sustainable development, while supporting and enhancing a sense of community spirit and solidarity. Together Coillte and SSE Renewables are working to support new, local jobs, contribute to the local economy, while helping to deliver Ireland's ambition to achieve 70% renewable electricity by 2030, as set out in the Climate Action Plan.

Next Steps

- ✔ **Continuing Environmental Studies**
- ✔ **A dedicated Environmental Impact Assessment consultant will be appointed**
- ✔ **Continuing community engagement to listen and address any concerns**

About the developers

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Coillte Renewable Energy
Coillte's Renewable Energy business is a business within the Coillte Group. Coillte Renewable Energy are responsible for harnessing the wind energy above Coillte forests. Coillte is currently working toward our aspiration of adding a further 1GW of wind energy generation capacity over the next ten years, driving Ireland's ambition toward 70% renewable electricity by 2030.

Contact us

Please feel free to contact us on:
freephone **0818 211 500** email on **clo@sse.com**

Appendix 2

Glenora Wind Farm

March 2020

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Proposed Wind Farm at Glenora

I hope you are keeping well. I am writing to you from SSE Renewables, and on behalf of our co-development partners, Coillte. Following on from the leaflet that was delivered in September 2020 there have been a few developments on site that I would like to share with you.

Firstly, my name is Tom Burke and I have been engaged by SSE Renewables as the Community Liaison Officer for Glenora wind farm, and will be your point of contact for any concerns or queries on the proposed development.

Secondly, SSE Renewables and Coillte have engaged the services of consultants MKO to prepare the Environmental Report. You may see some activity on site and we would like you to be aware that some scoping and other studies for the wind farm is underway.

We are keen to ensure that you will be kept informed of all developments on this project. Ordinarily, it would be our preference to knock on your door and to introduce ourselves face to face to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. However, with current Government restrictions during Covid 19, this is not possible, and we must change the way we work, for both your safety and ours.

Appendix 3

OUR FOCUS ON ENGAGEMENT

Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all of our stakeholders, through early and open dialogue. Our aim is to build projects that contribute to local sustainable development, whilst supporting and enhancing a sense of community spirit. Together SSE Renewables and Coillte Renewable Energy are working to support new local jobs, contribute to the local economy, whilst helping to deliver Ireland's ambition to achieve 70% renewable electricity by 2030, as set out in the Climate Action Plan.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In order for members of the local community to be kept informed about the proposed development at Glenora Wind Farm, SSE Renewables & Coillte Renewable Energy will arrange a series of online community information sessions and invitations will be circulated in due course.

Our goal is to hold pre-planning Community Information Sessions between mid-late 2021. In addition, we intend to continue to engage on an ongoing basis with the local community regarding the development of the proposed Glenora Wind Farm through the following measures, subject to government guidance on COVID 19 measures:

- Door to door calls in the vicinity of the proposed Glenora Wind Farm
- Availability of a full time, dedicated Community Liaison Officer
- Dedicated project website www.glenorawindfarm.com
- Online webinar event (date to be confirmed).
- Regular project newsletters/Leaflets

We welcome any engagement and interaction with you on any aspect of this proposed project.

You can contact us by email at clo@sse.com
or call our Community Liaison Officer Tom Burke on 086 0421776

Our postal address:
SSE Renewables, Red Oak South, South County Business Park,
Leopardstown, Dublin 18, D18 W688.

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About Coillte Renewable Energy

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Coillte owns and manages almost a million acres of land across Ireland, and the Renewable Energy Business is responsible for developing renewable energy projects on these lands. The stated ambition of the Renewable Energy business is to develop a further 1GW of renewable energy over the next ten years, driving Ireland's ambition to achieve 70% of electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030.

Meet the team

Louise Glennon,
Head of External Affairs,
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Emmet McLaughlin,
Project Manager,
Coillte

Shane Liddy,
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SSE Renewables

Tom Burke,
Community Liaison Officer,
SSE Renewables

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GLENORA WIND FARM

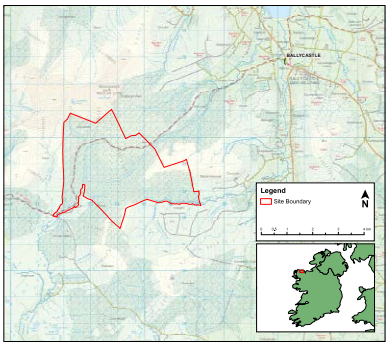
Public Information Leaflet June 2021

Co-development partners, SSE Renewables & Coillte Renewable Energy are jointly exploring the potential for a renewable energy project at Glenora, Co. Mayo. Whilst this project is at the early development stages, we believe in communicating with our neighbours right from the beginning. Our aim is to develop responsible projects in a way that is good for us, for society and for our neighbours.

GLENORA WIND FARM

The proposed Glenora Wind Farm development site is located to the south of Maumakeogh Mountain approximately 7km southwest of Ballycastle and 6km southeast of Belderrig. The study area comprises lands predominantly under commercial forestry within Glenora, Keerglen, Ballykinlettragh, Altderg and Lugnalettin townlands and measures approximately 1,290 hectares. The site is accessible from the R314 to the northwest of Ballycastle via a local road and existing forestry roads/tracks.

In September 2020 we circulated a communication introducing both SSE Renewables and Coillte Renewable Energy and spoke of the potential for a new renewable energy project in the area. At this early stage in the project development, the number of turbines and layout is conditional on the completion of technical and ecological studies. However, we commit to keeping you informed as the project progresses and will look for community feedback on all aspects of the project once a design has been developed. This will take the form of community consultation sessions, subject to government COVID 19 regulations that are in place at the time, online webinars and feedback forms on the project.



PROJECT UPDATE

McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan (MKO) were appointed by the co-developers in January 2021 to commence the process of investigating the suitability of the site for a potential wind farm project. Since appointment, MKO have undertaken a number of baseline studies as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Works undertaken to date have included site walkovers, feasibility assessments associated with grid connection routes and assessment of buildable areas.

It is anticipated that the project will include the following:

Main project components:

- Wind Turbines construction
- Hardstand areas and access roads
- On-site 110kV substation and connection to national grid
- Borrow pits and spoil management areas

Off-site project components:

- Turbine component haulage route
- Replacement lands for felled forestry

A constraints study is underway which will allow for the development of a proposed preliminary layout in the coming weeks. Further layout iterations may emerge as we progress through these studies, the Environmental Impact Assessment and the community consultation process.

It is envisaged that the project will exceed a 50MW capacity scale and will therefore likely be considered a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) which requires the planning application to be submitted direct to An Bord Pleanála. A pre-application stage consultation process with An Bord Pleanála will commence in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that further consultation will also be undertaken with Mayo County Council in conjunction with the SID pre-application phase process.

The project will fully comply with the latest wind energy guidelines and we commit to a minimum set back distance from turbines to residential dwellings of 720m, which is in excess of the current requirements of 500m minimum setback under the Wind Energy Guidelines (2006). A community benefit fund will be established which will include both funding for wider community initiatives and a Near Neighbour scheme focused on houses in close proximity to the project. Community Investment opportunities will also be explored as outlined in the governments new Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) and we will keep the community informed as updates become available throughout the development of the project.

NEXT STEPS

1. Our environmental consultants MKO will be active on site over the coming months carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment to further determine the site suitability and to further inform the proposed design of Glenora Wind Farm.
2. Community engagement led by our Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Tom Burke will continue in the locality sharing information and listening to feedback.
3. Liaisons with planning authorities at An Bord Pleanála and Mayo County Council will commence in June.
4. Engagement with a specialist consultant to develop proposals for the inclusion of recreational amenity facilities on the proposed site will commence in the coming months. Examples of such facilities include:

- Creation of a network of public walkway/cycleways through the wind farm site which could be used as a basis for promoting local tourism.
- Exploring potential for the connection of these internal walkway/cycleways with existing external amenities in the local area.
- Enhancing habitats which add to the local and regional biodiversity.

As part of the recreational amenity design process, we are seeking ideas from near neighbours, local communities and local community groups on what the design could entail.

Our intention is to develop a recreational proposal with the assistance and input from those living and working in the area who will ultimately use and benefit from any new facilities. The final proposal will be shared with the community prior to its inclusion in the infinal planning submission to the planning authorities. We would like to hear from you regarding how you think this proposal could work best in your area and deliver real benefits to the local community.

Please contact our CLO or email your thoughts and ideas to us using the contact information provided.

COMMUNITY FUND

Both SSE Renewables and Coillte Renewable Energy are recognised for delivering award-winning community benefit funds around our wind farms, which aim to deliver a lasting benefit to local communities. Glenora Wind Farm will also have a community fund associated with it, and the fund will comply with recent changes in government legislation under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS). The exact detail of the community benefit scheme is still to be determined, but it is important to us that the community is consulted on what the fund will look like, as well as being involved in the decision-making process. At the appropriate time we will hold consultations events to help shape how the fund will operate and until that time we will keep the community updated on any developments in this area.

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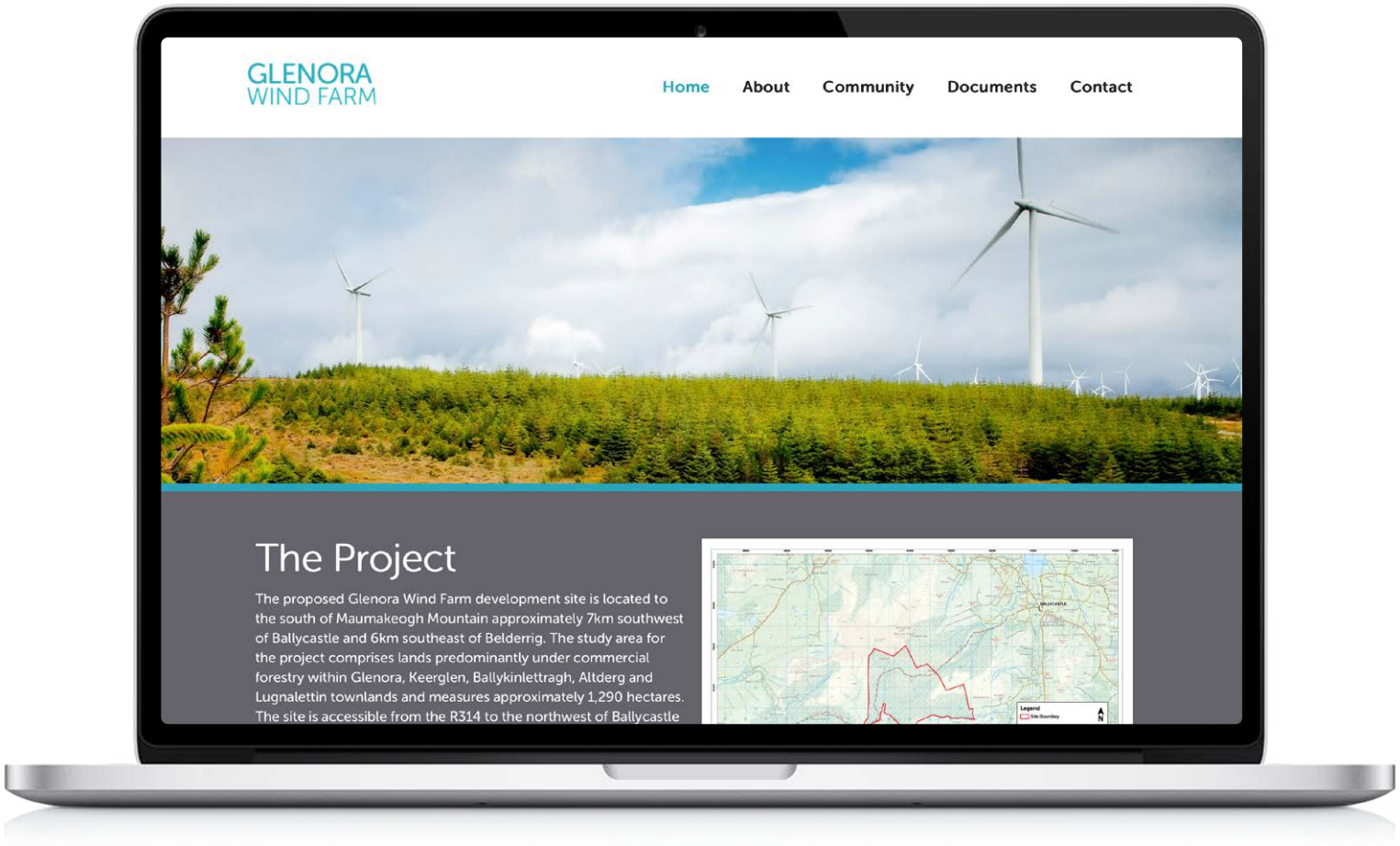

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Appendix 5

Glenora Wind Farm

31st July 2021

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I am writing to you again from SSE Renewables, and Coillte Renewable Energy our co-development partner, to give an update on the proposed wind farm in your area, Glenora Wind Farm.

As we have communicated over the past year, we are keen to keep you informed of any developments as the proposed project proceeds. Therefore, I would like to share some additional information with you about Glenora wind farm and get your feedback, this would be in advance of progressing to a wider public consultation which we intend to hold in the Autumn, this will of course be subject to all Covid 19 guidelines.

My colleague and I will be in the area during the week beginning Monday, 9th August. We would like to meet with you outdoors, to discuss the proposal in further detail. If you do not want to receive a call to your door, please contact me on 086 042 1776 or email me on tom.burke@sse.com and I can brief you over the phone or arrange a more suitable time to meet.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Burke

Community Liaison Officer

086 042 1776

Appendix 6

GLENORA WIND FARM

Introduction

Thank you for visiting our virtual consultation room today. Please take your time viewing the information we have on display. If you have any questions or feedback, our project team are eager to hear from you. You can fill out a feedback form, call us or contact us via email or post.

The purpose of this consultation is to provide further information on the proposed Glenora Wind Farm project, to update you on our current activities and plans and to provide an opportunity to the local community to provide input and feedback on draft design proposals.

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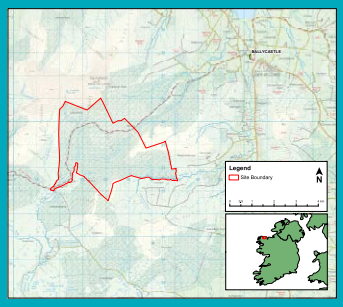

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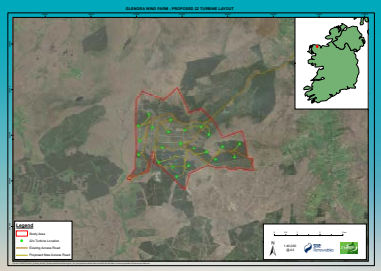

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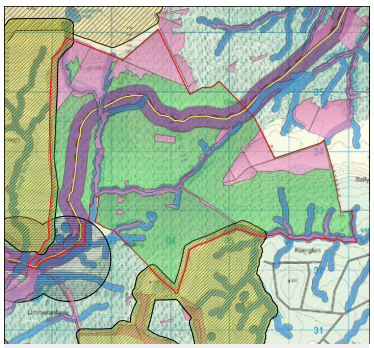

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- Glenora Site Boundary
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- 720m Residential buffer
- 50m lake buffer
- 50m River buffer
- Annex I Habitats
- Environmental Designations Buffer 100m

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Proposed Grid Connection

To allow the energy generated by the proposed Glenora Wind Farm to flow to the national electricity network, an underground grid cable will carry the electricity from the on-site substation to an appropriate node on the national grid. It is proposed that, where possible, grid connection infrastructure will be installed within the public road network, and in accordance with the Governments Wind Energy Guidelines.

We are considering connection points at the existing substations at Tawnaghmore and Bellacorick in our analysis. The final decision on a grid connection point will be based on instructions from EirGrid, the national transmission system operator.

Traffic Management

The proposed wind farm site is accessed via local roads from the R314 regional road, which travels between Ballycastle and Belderrig. The site itself is served by a number of existing forestry roads. The delivery of the wind turbine components and all other construction materials to the proposed development site will be assessed as part of the Traffic and Transport section of the EIAR.

A Traffic Management Plan will be developed and agreed with Mayo County Council and An Garda Síochána prior to construction commencing on site.

Noise & Shadow Flicker

NOISE

Strict planning guidelines on wind turbines and noise emissions in accordance with the governments Wind Energy Guidelines exist to ensure the protection of residential amenity in the vicinity of proposed wind farms.

Sources of noise during operation of a wind farm are primarily aerodynamic (from the movement of blades through the air) and, to a lesser extent, mechanical. Modern wind turbines are designed to minimise mechanical and aerodynamic noise.

The effects of noise are being assessed as part of the ongoing EIAR and in consultation with the planning authorities and will comply with the wind farm planning guidelines.

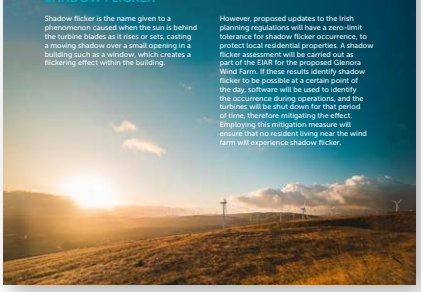
Independent noise consultants are undertaking a noise assessment to consider the impact of the proposed turbines on the surrounding area, in particular on nearby residential properties. A background noise survey has been carried out at a number of locations around the wind farm site, which will allow predicted noise emissions to be simulated based on the existing background noise levels measured combined with proposed turbine noise emissions.

If the proposed wind farm is consented and built out at Glenora, noise levels will again be measured during commissioning of the wind farm to verify compliance with the specified limits. In the unlikely event of exceedance of the limits, noise levels will be reduced using the turbines' control systems.

SHADOW FLICKER

Shadow flicker is the name given to a phenomenon caused when the sun is behind the turbine blades as it rises or sets, casting a moving shadow over a small opening in a building such as a window, which creates a flickering effect within the building.

However, proposed updates to the Irish planning regulations will have a zero-limit tolerance for shadow flicker occurrence, to protect local residential properties. A shadow flicker assessment will be carried out as part of the EIAR for the proposed Glenora Wind Farm. If these results identify shadow flicker to be possible at a certain point of the day, software will be used to identify the occurrence during operations, and the turbines will be shut down for that period of time, therefore mitigating the effect. Employing this mitigation measure will ensure that no resident living near the wind farm will experience shadow flicker.



Projected Timeframes

Further site investigations and surveys will be carried out at the site and within the surrounding area over the coming months. The results of these studies and the feedback received during ongoing public consultation will inform the final design layout for the proposed development.

A second online public exhibition is planned for December 2021 to present the detailed site layout and the results of the site surveys and investigations. This meeting will be advertised locally, and all interested parties will be invited to attend.

SSE Renewables & Coillte Renewable Energy intend to submit the planning application to An Bord Pleanála (pending determination of the proposal as Strategic Infrastructure Development) in early 2022. The planning application will include:

- Application Forms and Public Notices
- Planning Drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report / Natura Impact Statement

Once submitted, all planning application documents and drawings will be available for viewing in the offices of Mayo County Council and An Bord Pleanála. They will also be available on a dedicated project website.

Following lodgment of the application, members of the community will be able to make submissions to An Bord Pleanála during the public consultation period (duration to be specified by An Bord Pleanála - minimum 7 weeks).

Benefits of the Project

Environmental

The proposed wind farm at Glenora, if approved, will significantly contribute towards Ireland's climate change commitments, especially that of the generation of 70% electricity by renewable energy by 2030. The development will also meet the rising demand for green energy and provide people with the clean, green energy they require. The proposed Glenora Wind Farm will have the potential to power 81,000 homes and will also prevent 86,700 tonnes of harmful CO^2 emissions being released each year.

Economic

The economic benefits that the proposed Glenora Wind Farm will bring to the local area are quite substantial from the initial capital expenditure of €140 million. The wind farm will also provide local supply chain and employment opportunities. Once the wind farm is operational there will be substantial rates payments every year, which will contribute to Mayo County Council local services such as roads, local infrastructure and public services to name but a few.

There will also be a substantial community benefit fund associated with the wind farm which will contribute towards local projects.

Community Fund

In September 2020, the Irish Government introduced new legislation under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) that changes the way in which any new community benefit fund operates.

This legislation outlines a governance process to ensure community benefit funds are used for the wider economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the local community.

We will commit to a community benefit fund for the project in line with industry best practice principles and policy. The community fund sees the establishment of a Fund Committee consisting of a number of volunteer community representatives, the project developer and an administrator. The Fund Committee will be the decision-making body of the Fund, placing communities at the heart of the decision -making process.

Should the proposed Glenora Wind Farm receive planning consent and subsequently be constructed, the final fund value will be calculated in line with new industry best practice guidelines at a level of €2 per megawatt hour.

This would equate to more than €700,000 per annum over the first 15 years of the wind farm's operational life. However, the final amount of funding will depend on the final installed capacity of the site as well as the actual electricity generated.

The community benefit fund will be arranged in accordance with best practice guidance and will be informed by Government guidelines at the time of consent. Part of the community benefit fund will be allocated to a Near Neighbour Scheme, which, under RESS-1, requires a minimum payment of €1,000 per annum to all residential properties within 1km of turbines with discretion to increase this amount and to extend up to 2km.

The project team will be engaging with the local community post-planning to inform the governance structure of the fund and the aims and objectives of the scheme.

Supporting Irish Communities

SSE Renewables and Coillte Renewable Energy strongly believe in playing our part in contributing to the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the communities surrounding all of our wind farms. One of the most important aspects of developing and operating wind farms is working with local people to deliver real benefits for their communities.

SSE Renewables has awarded more than €9 million since entering the Irish market in 2008 to over 3,200 projects in the communities closest to its wind farms. This funding has helped to support local groups, sports organisations and schools among others to develop their facilities with energy efficiency and sustainability upgrades, as well as social and environmental projects that enable community development.

Galway Wind Park (GWP), which Coillte Renewable Energy and SSE Renewables co-developed, has the largest community fund of its kind in Ireland. The fund awards more than €400,000 annually and supports local small scale projects as well as large transformational projects up to a maximum value of €150,000.

Part of the GWP community fund is a scholarship programme designed to help local students with their college fees and living expenses whilst creating a pool of well-trained and experienced professionals, transforming career prospects in regional communities and positively impacting future generations. The scholarship supports students attending Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT) and National University of Ireland (NUI) Galway as well as other educational institutions across the island of Ireland.

Community Engagement

SSE Renewables and Coillte Renewable Energy understand the importance of community engagement at every stage of the proposed Glenora Wind Farm project. The proposed development will benefit from participation by the local community and all other interested parties during each stage of the development project. We are keen to keep channels of communication open at all times and are available for you. We can be contacted through the following channels:

Online:
www.glenorawindfarm.com

Email:
clo@sse.com

Our Community Liaison Officer:
Tom Burke: 086 042 1776

Request for Feedback

We value your feedback during the design process. Should you wish to submit any comments/suggestions on the proposed development, there are a number of avenues available to do so. Consultation is ongoing and we continue to seek your views in the following ways:

- At this exhibition by providing comments via the feedback form
- By email: clo@sse.com
- Via the project website: A feedback questionnaire can also be completed here
- SSE Renewables, Red Oak South, South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, D18 W688

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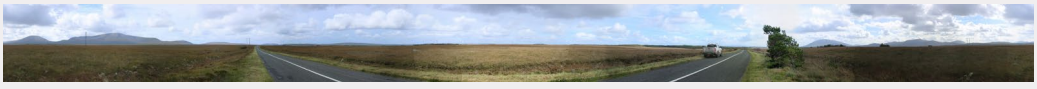

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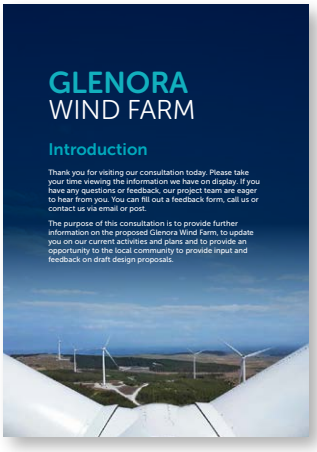
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Introduction
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The purpose of this consultation is to provide further information on the proposed Glenora Wind Farm, to update you on our current activities and plans and to provide an opportunity to the local community to provide input and feedback on draft design proposals.


Project Development Partners
About SSE Renewables
SSE Renewables is Ireland's leading developer, owner and operator of onshore wind farms, with a vision to make renewable energy the foundation of a zero-carbon world. The renewable electricity generated by wind farms operated by SSE Renewables across Ireland powers SSE Airtricity, Ireland's largest provider of 100% green energy. The company's onshore wind portfolio includes the 86MW Meentycat Wind Farm in Donegal and Ireland's largest wind farm, the 174MW Galway Wind Park, which was co-developed with project partner Coillte.
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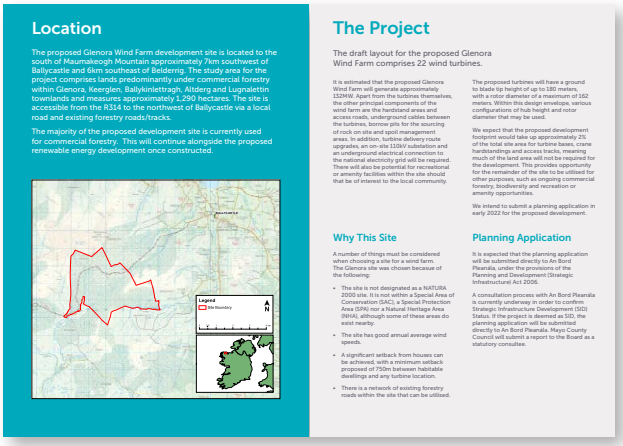
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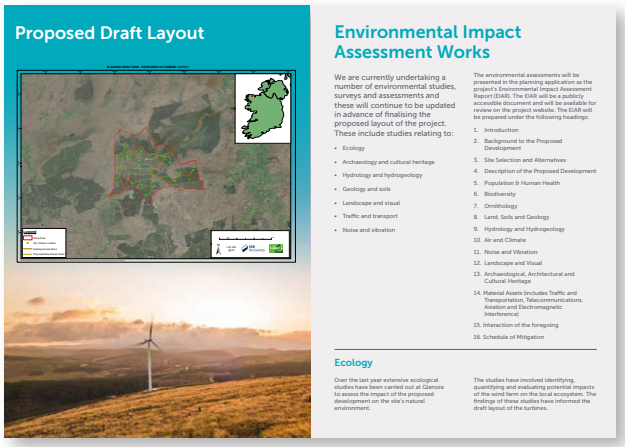
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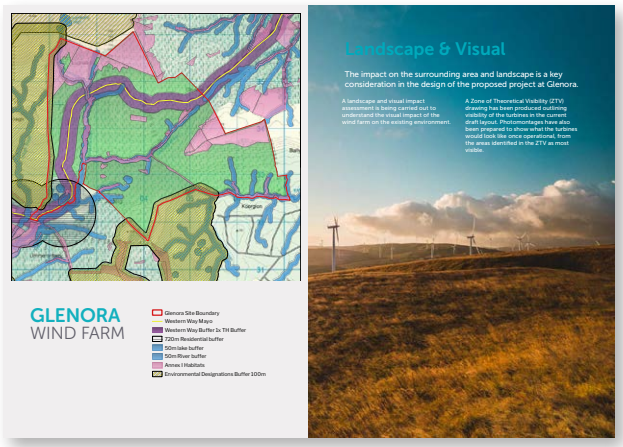
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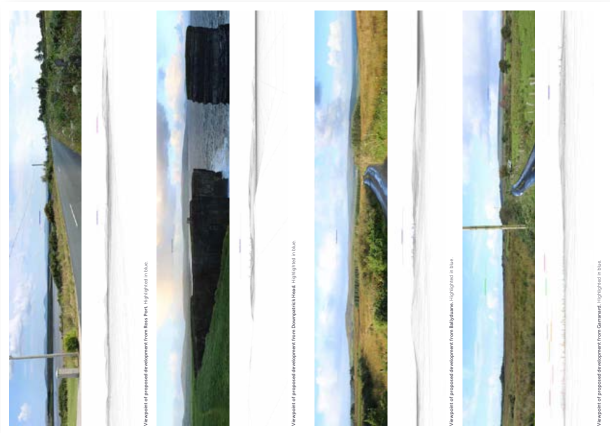

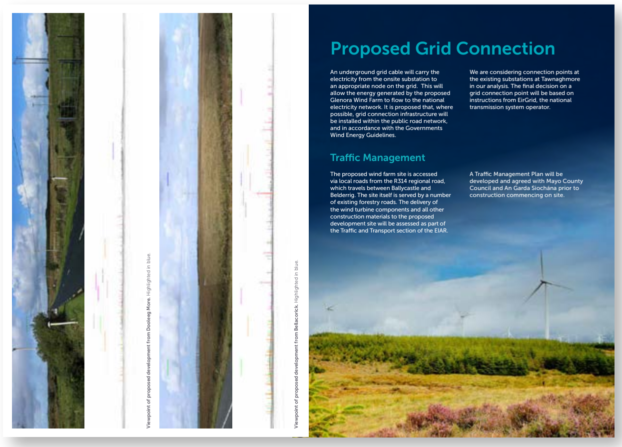
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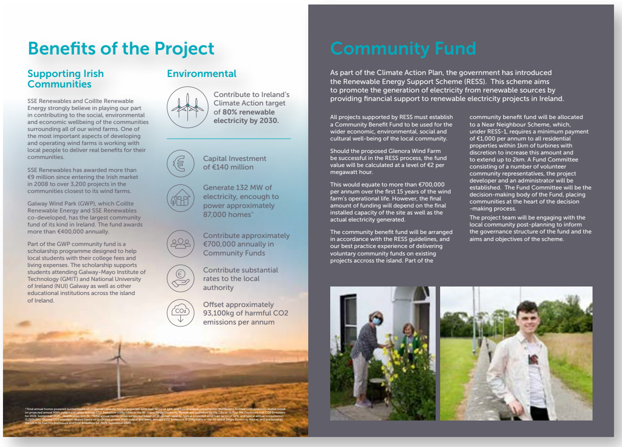
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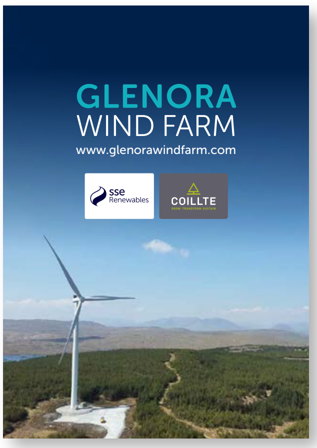
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Dear Resident,

This feedback form seeks to capture your views on Glenora Wind Farm, a project being jointly developed in Co. Mayo, by SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland.

If you have any comments on the proposed wind farm please don't hesitate to outline them within this document and return them either by email to **CLO@SSE.COM** or by post to **SSE Renewables, Red Oak South County Business Park, Dublin.**

Indeed if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us via email at **clo@sse.com** or by contacting our **Community Liaison Officer, Tom Burke** on **086 0421776**.

Glenora Wind Farm
Feedback Form

1. Which do you consider yourself to be? Tick the description(s) most relevant to you:

- ◯ Local resident
- ◯ Local Business
- ◯ Community Representative
- ◯ Political Representative
- ◯ Other

2. Based on the information provided in our consultation materials, do you have any comments on the proposed Glenora Wind Farm?

3. Do you have any comments or suggestions on how the community fund could be allocated in the area?

4. Would you like to join a Community Liaison Group to inform how this fund is invested?

◯ Yes ◯ No

Glenora Wind Farm Feedback Form

5. Are you satisfied with the information provided?

◯ Yes ◯ No

6. If yes what did you like, if no, how could we improve?

7. How did you find out about the public consultation?

8. Would you like to be kept informed of the project, if so please enter your contact details below.

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

For the purposes of data protection, please note that the only personal data that we hold will be the contact details you will submit on this form. Your details will be stored in a secure manner for the duration of the project or until you request removal of the information. Your details will only be used to contact you in relation to udates on the Glenora wind farm project.

If you decide to opt out at any time, your details will be deleted from our systems and you will no longer be contacted with regards to the development of the Glenora Wind Farm project.

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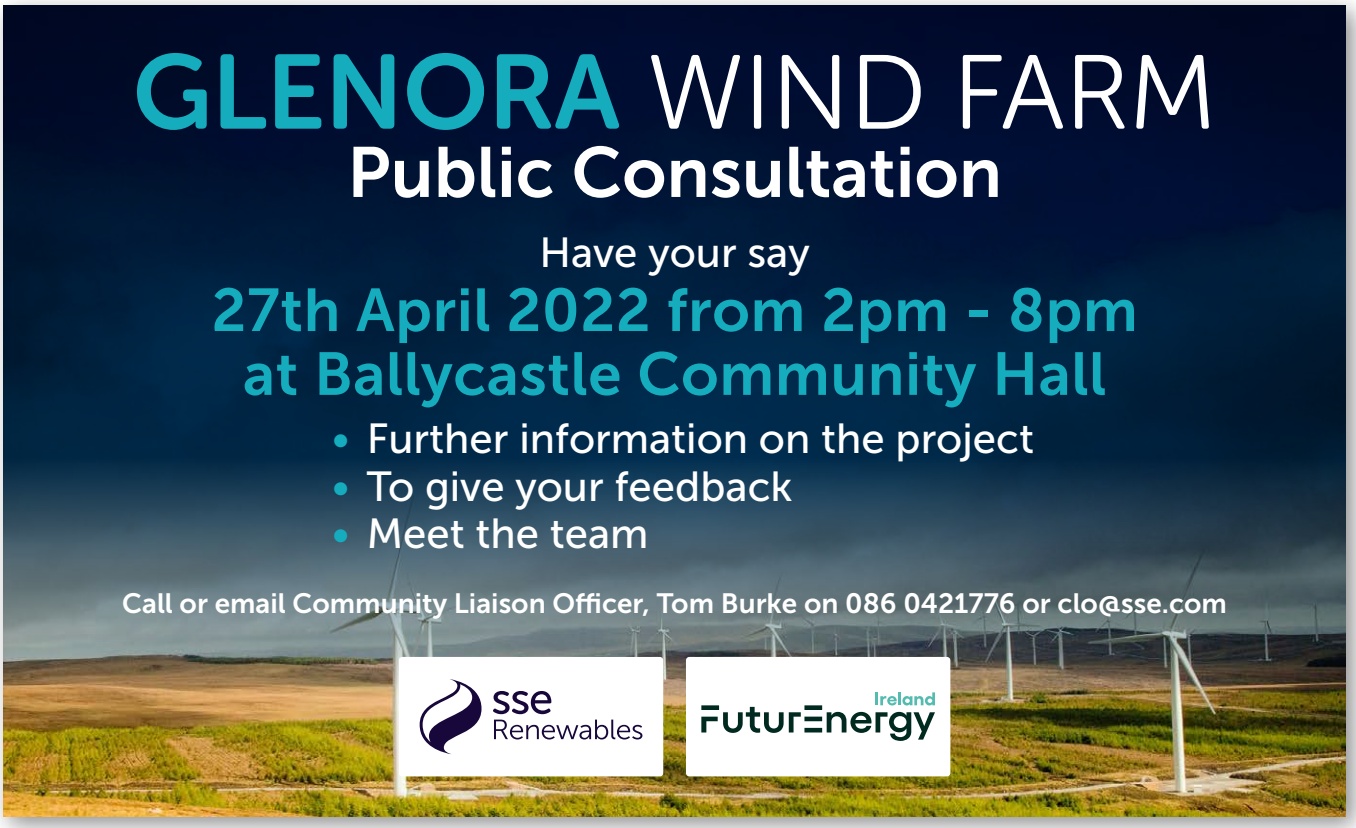
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Have your say
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Radio Advert for Glenora

SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland are developing Glenora Wind Farm, in the Ballycastle area, Co. Mayo.

This project has the potential to power 87,000 homes with green renewable energy and provide local support through a community benefit fund.

All are welcome to drop in and find out more about the proposed development, at a face to face consultation event on 27th April in Ballycastle Community Hall from 2 -8 pm.

Alternatively for more information, log on to www.glenorawindfarm.com or call Tom Burke on 086 0421776.

We look forward to seeing you.

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ABOUT SSE RENEWABLES

SSE Renewables is Ireland's leading developer, owner and operator of onshore wind farms, with a vision to make renewable energy the foundation of a zero-carbon world. The renewable electricity generated at wind farms operated by SSE Renewables across Ireland powers SSE Airtricity, Ireland's largest provider of 100% green energy. The company's onshore wind portfolio includes the 86MW Meentycat Wind Farm in Donegal and Ireland's largest wind farm, the 174MW Galway Wind Park, which was co-developed with project partner Coillte.

FUTURENERGY IRELAND

FuturEnergy Ireland is a joint venture company owned on a 50:50 basis by Coillte and ESB that is actively looking to drive Ireland's transition to a low carbon economy. The company's ambition is to develop more than 1GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and make a significant contribution to Ireland's commitment to produce 80% of electricity from renewable sources by the end of the decade.

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Glenora Wind Farm

PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE

Further to our public open event held at Ballycastle Community Hall in April 2022, SSE Renewables & FuturEnergy Ireland have finalised layout and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for Glenora wind Farm. The next step is to submit an application to An Bord Pleanála in the second quarter of 2023.

Commenting on the application

The Glenora Site is located in an area considered Tier 2 or open for consideration in the County Development Plan, which means that it maybe considered for wind farms or small clusters of wind turbines.

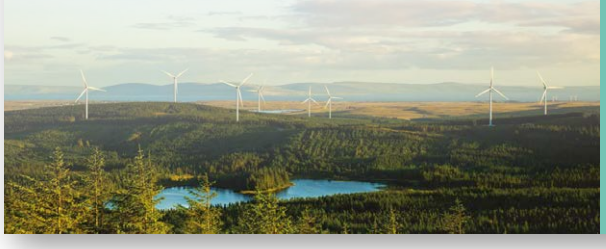
Consultation with the community, members of the Mayo County Council, An Bord Pleanála and NPWS has helped to shape the design and development of the proposed Glenora Wind Farm.

With results obtained from a wide range of studies and feedback from the public and community, as well as statutory consultation the design of the wind farm has now been finalised to 22 turbines with a maximum height of 180 metres, blade rotor of 162 metres and a hub height of 99 metres.

The planning application meets the threshold of 50 MW for wind energy set out in the Seventh Schedule of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022 and is therefore being submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála as a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended.

The EIAR will accompany the planning application for the proposed development submitted to An Bord Pleanala. The planning application is also accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement ('NIS').

If you would like to make an observation, you must do this within 6 weeks of the specified period from the date of the notice that will be published by the applicant.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland are committed to keeping local residents informed about the Glenora Wind Farm Proposal. Following on from our public consultation event we will be submitting a detailed community consultation report alongside our Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will be submitted into An Bord Pleanála along with the planning application.

Aside from the application for the wind farm there will be an additional substation grid route planning applications for submission in Q1 2024. This will be subject to a separate planning application, they have however been assessed as part of the in the Wind Farm Environmmetal impact Assessment Report.

Turbine Delivery Route
This is the route that the turbine parts will take in order to be installed. The components will be transported from the Galway Port and along to the proposed main site entrance.

Grid Connection
It is intended to connect the development to the National Electricity Grid via a 110kW underground cable which will connect Glenora to the existing Tawnamore substation in Killala.

SSE Renewables and FuturEnergy Ireland will host a separate public information event in Ballycastle to share details for the turbine delivery route and the grid connection planning applications with the public in advance of any planning submission. We will keep you informed of this as the project progresses.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF GLENORA WIND FARM

- **Contribute to Climate Action Target of 80% renewables by 2030**
- **Approximate Capital Investment of €140 million**
- **Generate circa 158MW of electricity, enough to power 87,000 homes annually**
- **Contribute approximately €700,000 per annum in community benefit funds**
- **Offset approximately 93 million Kg of harmful C02 emissions.**

Once the planning application has been submitted it will be advertised in the local press. You will then have the opportunity to comment formally on the application and details of this will be advertised both locally and online.

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