

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

1.

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

## 2. Applicant:

Name of Applicant:	Glenora Wind Farm (DAC)
Address:	Red Oak South, South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, D18 W688, Ireland
Telephone No:	+353 (0)1 655 6099
Email Address (if any):	N/A

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

Name(s) of company	Maria Ryan,
director(s):	Paul Cooley
Registered Address (of	Red Oak South,
company)	South County Business Park,
	Leopardstown,
	Dublin 18,
	D18 W688,
	Ireland
Company Registration No.	694662
Telephone No.	+353 (0)1 655 6099
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Email Address (if any)	n/a
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## 4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	John Willoughby
Address:	MKO,
	Tuam Road,
	Galway,
	H91 VW84
Telephone No.	(091) 735 611
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	jwilloughby@mkoireland.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: [ X ] No:[ ]

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

Tom Coleman

Development Project Manager

T: +353 (87) 6646088

E: tom.coleman@sse.com

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

Name:	Joseph O'Brien of MKO
	Rajiv Pawar and Ashwin Govindarajan of CDM Smith
	Paul O'Reilly of Fehilly Timoney
Firm / Company:	MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
	CDM Smith
	Fehilly Timoney
Address:	MKO, Tuam Road, Galway, H91 VW84
	CDM Smith Wentworth, 15, Eblana Villas, Dublin 2, D02 WK10
	Fehily Timoney, J5 Plaza, North Park Business Park, North Road, Dublin 11, D11 PXT0
Telephone No:	MKO: (091) 735 611
	CDM Smith: +9198886854856
	Fehilly Timoney: 01 658 3500
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	jobrien@mkoireland.ie
	paul.oreilly@ftco.ie
	pawarrb@cdmsmith.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 addendum 1 for full details of all accompanying plans/drawings. 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of drawings have been provided, as requested.

### 6. Site:

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Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	existing co approxima Ballycastle The site is road at the merges wi of Ballygla	sed Development site is loommercial forestry properticely 6km south-west of the e, Co. Mayo  accessed via an existing e northeastern corner of the th an unnamed local road ss, which in turn is accessional Road further to the normal road further road furt	forestry access e site, which in the townland sed from the
	The site is	located in the townlands e eerglen, Ballykinlettragh, E , Killeena, Glencullin and I	of Glenora, Ballycastle,
Ordnance Survey Map	OS Map References:		
Ref No. (and the Grid	OS0832, OS1032,		
Reference where available)	Grid References:		
,		941, 942, 943, 995, 996, 9 5, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1114 8	
	Grid Reference (ITM):		
	- 504339.264, 834067.092		
	55.555.251, 55.657.552		
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.			
Area of site to which the ap	application relates in hectares 1304 ha		1304 ha
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Zoning as per Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy:		ewable Energy
	Tier 1: Large Wind Farm,		,

	Tier 2: Open to Consideration, Unclassified
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing: Commercial forestry  Proposed: Commercial Wind Farm, Commercial Forestry
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Mayo County Council

## 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.

The Applicant has obtained the necessary consent from the landowners – please refer to information below. Consent letters are enclosed with this application.

**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.

Landowner Name(s)	Address
George O'Grady	Ballycastle, Co. Mayo
Michael Munnelly	Kevinsfort Heath Strandhill Road Sligo
Patrick Langan	Ballyglass Ballycastle County Mayo
John Tighe	Ballina Co. Mayo
Gerry Tighe	Unit 407
	929 18 Ave
	Calgary
	Alberta T2T 0H2
	Canada
Patrick Bourke	Cloonskeagh
	Kincon
	Ballina
	Co. Mayo
Lynda Bourke	Station Approach
	Penarth
	Wales
	CF64 3EE
Cara Mclaughlin	c/o Kelly, Kennedy & Co, 22 Upper
	Mount Street, Dublin 2
Coillte Cuideachta Ghniomhaiochta	Coillte, Dublin Road,
Ainmnithe	Newtownmountkennedy,
	Co. Wicklow,
	A63 DN25

Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.

Please refer to MKO drawing no. 201120-02 with the landowner boundary shown in blue.

## 8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?
Yes: [ ] No: [ <b>X</b> ]
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?
Yes: [ ] No:[ <b>X</b> ]
If yes, please give details:
N/A

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?			
Yes: [ X ]	No: [ ]		
If yes, please and details of	state planning register reference if applications	number(s) of same if known	
Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála	
03/1383	"construct a wind farm consisting of 29 wind turbines(max hub	Refused by Mayo County Council on 17/02/2004	
ABP Ref.	height of 65m and max blade	Refused by ABP 22/07/2004	
PL16.206517	diameter 80m, with a total height not exceeding 100m), a 110 kv sub station incuding pylon and control building, one 65m high meteorological mast, construction and upgrading of site entrances, site tracks and associate works"		
ABP Ref. 16.PA.0031	Proposed Cluddaun Wind Farm comprising of 48 wind turbines and associated works	Refused by ABP 18/05/2015	
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.			
	the proposal subject to a currer espect of a similar development	• •	
Yes: [ ] No		-	
If yes please specify			
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.:N/A			

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of
nature and extent of
development

- (i) The construction of 22 no. wind turbines and all associated hard-standing areas with the following parameters:
  - a. A total blade tip height of 180m,
  - b. Hub height of 99m, and
  - c. Rotor diameter of 162m;
- (ii) 1 no. permanent Meteorological Anemometry Masts with a height of 99 m and associated hardstanding area;
- (iii) Upgrade of existing tracks and roads, provision of new permanent site access roads and upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance including the provision of 1 no. security cabin with automatic traffic barriers;
- (iv) Temporary widening of sections of public road in the townland of Ballyglass;
- The provision of a new temporary roadway in the townland of Ballyglass to facilitate the delivery of turbine components and other abnormal loads;
- (vi) 1 no. wind farm operation and maintenance control building in the townland of Glenora;
- (vii) 3 no. borrow pits;
- (viii) 13 no. permanent peat placement areas;
- (ix) 5 no. temporary construction compounds with temporary site offices and staff facilities;
- (x) Permanent recreation and amenity works, including marked trails, seating areas, amenity car park, and associated amenity signage;
- (xi) Site drainage;
- (xii) Site signage;
- (xiii) Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;
- (xiv) All works associated with the habitat enhancement and biodiversity management within the proposed wind farm site;
- (xv) All associated site development works and ancillary infrastructure.

This application is seeking a 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life of the Proposed Development from the date of commissioning of the entire Proposed Development.

10.	In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial,
	industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of
	development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	N/A

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

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	381 sqm:  Operational & Management building -333m <sup>2</sup> Cabins/offices - 30m <sup>2</sup> Traffic barrier cabin - 18m <sup>2</sup>
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A sqm
Gross floor space of any demolition in m² (if appropriate)	N/A sqm

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

Number of	Studio	1 B	ed	2 Bed		3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A	N/	'A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apartments	N/A	N/	'A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Exis N/A	ting:	Pr N/	oposed: A		Total: N/A		

## 13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and		
Development Act 2000 applies?		X

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.

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).

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.

## 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)
Commercial Forestry
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)

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  - b. Hub height of 99m, and
  - c. Rotor diameter of 162m;
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Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).

A wind farm consisting of 22 no. turbines and all associated infrastructure.

## 15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed developm a Protected Structure(s), in wh		X	
Does the proposed development protected structure and / or its protected structure and / or its	curtilage or proposed		X
Does the proposed development exterior of a structure which is architectural conservation are		X	
Does the application relate to or is close to a monument or part of the National Monuments	place recorded under section		X
Does the application relate to European Site or a Natural He	X		
Does the development require Impact Statement?	e the preparation of a Natura	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: [] New Connection: []
Public Mains: [] Group Water Scheme: [] Private Well:[]
Other (please specify): X
Please refer to Chapter 4 of the EIAR  Due to the specific nature of the Proposed Development there will be a very small water requirement for occasional toilet flushing and hand washing and therefore the water requirement of the Proposed Development does not necessitate a potable source
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):
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Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:

Existing: [] New:[]

Public Sewer: [] Conventional septic tank system: []

Other on site treatment system: [X] Please Specify:

It is not proposed to treat wastewater on site. Wastewater from the staff welfare facilities in the control buildings will be managed by means of a sealed storage tank, with all wastewater being tankered off site by a permitted waste collector to a licenced waste facility.

## **Proposed Surface Water Disposal:**

Public Sewer / Drain:[] Soakpit:[]

Watercourse: [ ] Other: [ X ] Please specify:

A controlled drainage system will be used. Refer to Chapter 4 and Chapter 9 of the EIAR for more detail.

### 17. Notices:

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

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

National Paper: Irish Times, Published 12/12/2023.

Local Paper: The Western People, Published 12/12/2023.

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

Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [X] No:[]

Site notices have been erected on site on 13/12/2023

Site notice locations are shown on MKO Drawing ref: 201120-02

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

Project Website: www.glenorawfplanning.com

## 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:

Yes: [ X ] No:[ ]

Please see Addendum 2 for details.

Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.

Enclosed:

Yes: [ X ] No:[ ]

Please see Addendum 2 for details.

#### 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.

A copy of the notice is attached, and the EIA Portal (ID number 2023200) confirmation is attached in Addendum 3 of this form

## 20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 paid by EFT on 13/04/2023

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)	John Willoughby
	John Willoughby, MKO (Agent), Tuam Road, Galway
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### **General Guidance Note:**

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

September 2018

## **Appendix 1:**

## Schedule of Drawings/Plans and Scales (Q5 of SID Application Form)

Drawing No.	Drawing Title	Scale	Page Size
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201120 - 02A	Site Notice Location Map A	1:2,500	A3
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201120 - 03	Site Layout Key Plan (1:5,000)	1: 20,000	A1
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201120 - 51	Temporary Construction Compound 5	1:500	A3
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201120 - 57	Site Office & Staff Facilities Detail	1:100	A3
201120 - 58	Security Cabin and Traffic Barriers Detail	1:100	A3
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201120 - 62	Field Gate Detail	1:20	A3
201120 - 63	Pallisade Fence Details	1:20	A3
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P20-312-0600-	Borrow Pit 1 Plan And Section	As Shown	A3
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P20-312-0600-	Borrow Pit 3 Plan And Section	As Shown	A3
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## **Appendix 2: Pre- Application Consultation and Prescribed Body Details**

### **Schedule of Pre-Application Stakeholder Consultation**

All stakeholder engagement is set out in full in Chapter 2 of the submission Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

## Mayo County Council

The prospective applicant and members of the design team met on two occasions with the County Council in relation to the Proposed Development prior to the submission of this planning application.

The first meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 via MS Teams and included representatives from Mayo County council, MKO, SSE and Coillte. The team gave a PowerPoint presentation as an introduction to the site and development proposals, including a summary of the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) thresholds and criteria nothing the application would be made to An Bord Pleanála and SID.

#### Matters discussed included:

- Site selection and location
- Policy context
- Public consultation overview of consultations to date and potential to the area
- Landscape appraisal designations, views and vulnerable areas
- Stakeholder engagement scoping process and purpose
- > Wind Farm design process, grid and turbine delivery route

#### An Bord Pleanála

#### First Meeting

A first pre-application meeting with An Bord Pleanála was held and included representatives from SSE, MKO and An Bord Pleanála via MS Teams on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The Board invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed developments and to highlight any matter that it wished to receive advice from the Board.

#### Matters discussed included:

- > Site selection and location
- Policy context
- Planning history and previously refused applications
- Landscape appraisal site constraints, geotechnical site investigations, hydrological and hydrogeological surveys, ecological surveys and archaeological site walk over.
- > Public consultation overview of consultations to date and potential to the area
- Stakeholder engagement scoping process and purpose

## Second Meeting

A second meeting with the Board was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 via a MS Teams call with representatives from MKO, SSE and ABP.

The meeting commenced with updates from MKO on the project since the last meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, explaining that turbine locations have remained consistent since last meeting and that the project exceeds SID threshold, however highlighting that is for the discretion of the ABP.

#### Matters discussed included:

- Design updates
- Planning and environmental considerations possibility of material contravention and need to highlight the material contravention in application accompanied by a strong justification, cumulative impacts,
- > Public Consultation and stakeholder engagement updates and dates
- **>** Biodiversity aquatic surveys, birds, drainage, habitat enhancement measures,

The meeting closed with no anticipated requirement for further meetings.

A letter received from An Bord Pleanála dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 stated that the under Section 37B (4)(A) that it is the opinion that the Proposed Development falls within the scope of the paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This confirmed that the Proposed Development constitutes SID and therefore the planning application should be made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

### **Prescribed Bodies**

The determination issuing from An Bord Pleanála required the following prescribed bodies to be notified of the application with regards the Proposed Development.

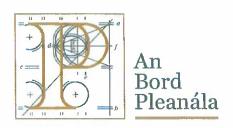
- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media (Development Applications Unit)
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- > Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Mayo County Council
- Northern and Western Regional Assembly
- > Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- An Taisce
- > An Chomhairle Ealaion
- > Failte Ireland
- > The Heritage Council
- National Parks & Wildlife Services
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- > Irish Water
- > Irish Aviation Authority
- Health Service Executive
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Office of Public Works

Details regarding EIA Scoping and Consultation are set out in Chapter 2 of the EIAR as lodged.

In addition, and as set out in pre-application discussions with the Board, the applicant has undertaken community consultation and stakeholder engagement. A full report of same is enclosed in Appendix 2-2 of the EIAR.

Our Case Number: ABP-310528-21

Your Reference: Glenora Wind Farm DAC



John Willoughby **MKO** Planning & Environmental Consultants Tuam Road Galway Co. Galway H91 VW84

Date: 09 May 2023

Re: Wind energy development and associated works and services

Within Glenora and adjacent townlands, Co. Mayo

Dear Sir,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act. 2000 as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

If you have any gueries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Caulfield Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737287

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## List of Prescribed Bodies to be Notified

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media (Development Applications Unit).
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.
- Mayo County Council.
- North and West Regional Assembly.
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- An Taisce
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Fáilte Ireland
- The Heritage Council
- National Parks & Wildlife Service.
- Inland Fisheries Ireland.
- Irish Water.
- Irish Aviation Authority.
- Health Service Executive.
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities.
- Office of Public Works.

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

**Note 1**: The prospective applicant is advised to submit a standalone document (which may form part of the EIAR) with the planning application, which outlines all proposed mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference.

**Note 2:** The prospective applicant is advised to submit sufficient drawings and details, including turbine dimensions, to fully describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and to allow its potential impacts to be adequately assessed.



## S.37A Application Procedures

- An application can only be lodged after formal notice has been received by the prospective applicant under section 37A(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended.
- The application must be made by way of full completion of an application form to An Bord Pleanála.
- The sequencing of the application process and the content of the public notice is as set out at section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- The Board requires as a minimum that the public notice of the application would be in two newspapers circulating in the area to which the proposed development relates, one of which should be a national newspaper (A sample public notice is attached). A site notice in accordance with the protocols set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2019 must also be erected. The date of the erection of the site notice is to be inserted; otherwise it should contain the same information as the newspaper notices and should remain in place for the duration of the period during which the public can make submissions to the Board.
- The documentation relating to the application is to be available for public inspection at the offices of the relevant planning authority and the offices of An Bord Pleanála. In this regard the requirements in terms of the number of copies of the documentation to be lodged with the relevant planning authority and the Board is as follows:
  - o Planning Authority 5 hard copies and 2 electronic copies.
  - o An Bord Pleanála 2 hard copies and 8 electronic copies.
- The Board also requires the prospective applicant to provide a stand- alone website containing all of the application documentation. The address of this website is to be included in the public notice.
- The public notice of the application is to indicate that the application documentation will be available for public inspection after a period of at least 5 working days has elapsed from the date of the publication of the notice so as to ensure that the documentation is in place for such inspection.
- The time period for the making of submissions by the public is to be at least seven weeks from the date the documents become available for inspection (not from the date of publication of the public notices). The Board requires that the public notice must indicate the deadline time and date for the making of submissions to the Board. The prospective applicant should advise the Board's administrative personnel in advance, of the details of its proposed public notice and further definitive advice on the notice including confirmation of dates/times can be communicated at that stage.
- The service of notice of the application on any prescribed bodies must include a clear statement that the person served can make a submission to the Board by the same deadline as specified in the public notice (Sample letter to prescribed bodies attached).
- The letter serving notice on the planning authority with the necessary copies of the documents should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and should also alert the authority to the Board's requirement that the application documentation be made available for public inspection/purchase by the planning authority in accordance with the terms of the public notice (copies of any newspaper/site notices should be provided to the planning authority). It is the Board's intention that all of the

- application documentation will remain available for public inspection during the currency of the application.
- The deposition of the application documentation and the making of the application to the Board should take place immediately after the publication of the notice and the completion of the service requirements. It should not await the conclusion of the period for the public to make submissions. The application documentation should include a copy of all letters serving notice of the application on prescribed bodies and the local authority, copies of the actual newspaper notices as published and the site notice.
- The fee for lodging an application is €100,000. The fee for making a submission in respect of an application is €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies which are exempt from this fee). There is an existing provision enabling the Board to recover its costs for processing any application from the applicant. In addition, the legislation also enables the Board to direct payment of costs or a contribution towards costs incurred by the planning authority and third parties.

The sequencing of the making of the application is summarised as follows:

- 1. Publish newspaper notices.
- 2. Serve copy of relevant documents on bodies/persons required to be notified of the application. Deposit required number of copies with relevant planning authority.
- 3. Deposit required number of copies of application documentation with An Bord Pleanála and make an application to it.

### Guidelines for Electronic Copies of Applications

#### (Standalone Website & CD Copies)

- Each document/drawing should be clearly labelled
- EIA and NIS chapters saved individually should be named with the number and title of the chapter e.g. Chapter 2: Ecology, Chapter 3: Human Beings etc., and not just the chapter number.
- Document names cannot begin or end with a dot, cannot contain consecutive dots and cannot contain any of the following characters: ~ " # % & \* : < >? / \ { | }.
- Drawings should be saved with the drawing title and/or number, not just the drawing number.
- Large documents to have 'contents' page e.g. EIA and to be paginated appropriately to allow ease of access to its various sections.
- Documents/drawings should not be compressed e.g. not Winzipped, and should open directly.
- Each document/drawing when opened should be clearly legible and any scaling of the drawing clearly and accurately indicated.
- Each document/drawing when opened should be oriented in the appropriate way (portrait/landscape). It should also be possible to rotate the document/drawing.
- The documents/drawings should be presented in the same sequence as they appear in the hard copy of the application, in order to make the electronic copy as accessible as possible.

- All photographs/photomontages shall be in colour, not blurred and clearly legible. All drawings/maps which rely on any colour interpretation e.g. red/blue edging, zoning etc. must be provided in colour.

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## **Appendix 3: EIA Portal Confirmation**

## **Tommy Harlin**

From: Housing Eiaportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>

Sent: Friday 8 December 2023 13:54

To: Tommy Harlin

**Subject:** EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2023200

You don't often get email from eiaportal@housing.gov.ie. Learn why this is important

**Caution:** This is an external email and may be malicious. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.

#### Dear Tommy,

An EIA Portal notification was received on 08/12/2023 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 08/12/2023 under EIA Portal ID number 2023200 and is available to view at <a href="http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1">http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1</a>.

Portal ID: 2023200

Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: Glenora Wind Farm (DAC)

**Location:** The site is approximately 6km south-west of Ballycastle.

The site is located in the townlands of Glenora, Altderg, Keerglen, Ballykinlettragh, Ballycastle, Ballyglass, Killeena,

Glencullin and Lugnalettin, Co. Mayo.

**Description:** 22 no. turbines (max blade tip height 180m),met mast, upgrade of existing tracks and roads, provision of access road, borrow pits, peat management, temporary construction compounds, amenity works, tree felling, and associated works

Linear Development: No

Date Uploaded to Portal: 08/12/2023

Kindest Regards,

Hugh Wogan,

EIA Portal team

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