

SITE NOTICE
Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
County Clare

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Ballycar Green Energy Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Cappateemore East, Ballycannan West, Ballycannan East, Ballycar South, Ballycar North and Glennagross (or se Glenagross, Glennacross).

The proposed development for which permission under Section 37E is being sought will include the following:

- 12 No. Wind Turbines (blade tip height up to 158m). Eleven of the turbines will have a hub height of 90m and a blade length of 68m and one turbine (T10) will have a hub height of 82m and a blade length of 68m.
- 12 No. Wind Turbine foundations and Hardstand areas.
- 1 No. Permanent Meteorological Mast (90m height) and foundation and associated hardstand areas.
- 1 No. electrical substation (110kV) including associated ancillary buildings, security fencing and all associated works.
- 2 No. Developed Site Entrances, one temporary entrance to facilitate construction traffic and one permanent entrance.
- New and upgraded internal site access tracks.
- Provision of an on-site Visitor cabin and parking.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the proposed turbines to the proposed onsite substation.
- Laying of approximately 1.5km of underground electricity cabling to facilitate the connection to the national grid from the proposed onsite substation to connect to an existing 110kV overhead line.
- Temporary works on sections of the public road network along the turbine delivery route (including hedge or tree cutting, relocation of powerlines/poles, lampposts, signage, and local road widening).
- 1 No. Temporary construction site compound and additional mobile welfare unit.
- 1 No. Borrow pit to be used as a source of stone material during construction.
- 3 No. spoil deposition areas (one at borrow pit location).
- Associated surface water management systems.
- Tree felling for wind farm infrastructure.

The applicant is seeking a ten-year permission and an operational period of no less than 35 years from the date of commissioning the Wind Farm.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natural Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this application.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the **2nd of February 2024** at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following stand-alone website: Ballycargreenenergyplanning.ie

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála (The Board) during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site, if the development is carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on **22nd of March 2024**. Such submission or observation must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observations, the name of the person acting on their behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent;
- The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- The reasons, considerations and arguments on which it is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations refers).

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

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

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant the permission.

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie under the heading Judicial Review Notice or on the Citizens Information Services website www.citizensinformation.ie

SIGNED: 

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DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: **26th of January 2024**