

An
Bord
Pleanála

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

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:

[Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 \(as amended\)](#)

2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Clonberne Windfarm Limited
Address:	Mill House, 10 Mill Street, Galway, Co. Galway
Telephone No:	+353 (0)91-563051
Email Address (if any):	info@cregmoreconstruction.ie

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	John Mullins Niall Mullins Elaine Mullins
Registered Address (of company)	Mill House, 10 Mill Street, Galway, Co. Galway
Company Registration No.	661862
Telephone No.	091-563051
Email Address (if any)	info@cregmoreconstruction.ie

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

Name:	Alan Clancy (MKO)
Address:	MKO, Tuam Road, Galway H91 VW84
Telephone No.	+353 (0)91 735611
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
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Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: [☒] No: [☐]

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

Alan Clancy (MKO)

MKO, Tuam Road, Galway

+353 (0)91 735611

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gabriela Oliveira2. Gabi Anderson and Michael Gill3. Keith Harvey and Ercole Chiappinii4. Jack Foley
Firm / Company:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MKO2. Hydro Environmental Services Ltd.3. Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions4. TLI
Address:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tuam Road, Galway, Co. Galway2. 22 Lower Main Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.3. Unit A2, Nutgrove Office Park Rathfarnham Dublin 144. Beenreigh, Abbeydorney, Tralee, Co. Kerry Ireland
Telephone No:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 0917356112. 058441223. 0120710004. 066 713 5710
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. info@mkofireland.ie2. michael@hydroenvironmental.ie3. info@gdgeo.com4. info@tli.ie

Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for full details of all accompanying plans/drawings. 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies of drawings have been provided.

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The townlands of Cloonarkan, Clonbern and Laughil, Co. Galway	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	<u>OS Map References:</u> OS1424, OS1426, OS1624, OS1626 <u>OS Sheet References:</u> 2679, 2680, 2748, 2749, 2680-C <u>Grid Reference (ITM):</u> ITM : X 556199 Y 755424	
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 application relates in hectares	13.2 ha	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Unzoned lands	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	Existing - Public Road corridor, cut peat, commercial forestry, and agriculture Proposed – On-site 220kV Substation, Underground 220kV Cabling Route, 2 no. new interface towers, Access Track, Operational Access Road, Telecommunications Mast, Site Drainage, Operational Site Signage, Joint Bays, all associated infrastructure.	

Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Galway County Council
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7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<p>The cable route will be jointly located within public roads within the jurisdiction of Galway County Council, and within privately owned lands. Where the development occurs in third party lands, the Applicant has obtained consent from the relevant landowners - please refer to information below. A signed consent letter on behalf of the Landowners is enclosed at Appendix 2 of this application form.</p> <p>In relation to works along the public road the provisions Article 22(2)(g)(ii) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 applies. As such, a letter of consent is not required to include these works in the planning application.</p>		
<p>If you are not the legal owner, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.</p>		
No.	Name	Address
1	Padraic Burke	Ballyedmond, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
2	Alan Clarke	Claddagh East, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.
3	Caroline Cunningham	Fortbrowne, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.
4	John Dunleavy	Grawnes, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.
5	Michelle and Patrick Feeney	Ballyedmond, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
6	Michael Keane	Dereen, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
<p>No – please refer to MKO drawing 180740 – 101 with landowner boundaries outlined in blue.</p>		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):

Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent: N/A

Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?

Yes: ☐ No: ☒

If yes, please give details: N/A

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No: [<input type="checkbox"/>]		
If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications		
Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
Galway County Council		
15/861	to build a 38kv line from existing Cloon 110kv Station at Cloonascragh, Tuam to a point in the existing 38kv Station at Glenamaddy passing through or in the vicinity of the following townlands: Cloonascragh, Barnacurragh, Shantallow, Toghermore, Ballynakillia, Cahergal, Coolrevagh, Barbersfort, Graddoge, Killmore, Corskeagh Beg, Corskeagh More, Cloonriddia, Lisnaminaun, Lavally West, Corry Kilgarrieff North, Mahanagh, Claddagh East, Garraunbaun Cloonarkan, Clonbern, Killavoher, Timadooan, Cloonmore, Cloonacat, Parkbaun, Lettera, Hannagh More(Parkroe), Scotland (Previous Planning reference no: 10/779)	Granted by GCC 17/09/2015(Planning Permission Expired 06/09/2020)
19/1827	For the construction of a new forest road bellmouth entrance, for trucks to access forestry plantations and associated site works	Granted by GCC 09/03/2020

23/355	<p>To upgrade the existing 220kV overhead line between the existing Cashla 220kV Substation in the townland of Barrettspark, Co. Galway, & Tower 138 in the townland of Oughtagh, Co. Galway. The proposed development will consist of refurbishment works to the existing overhead Line (approximately 49 km long & comprising of 138no. steel angle masts). The refurbishment works to towers will consist of: installation of replacement parts on the towers including insulators, shield wire, vibration dampeners, arching horns & anti-climbing guards; associated site development works, including temporary work areas, foundation refurbishment /strengthening & recapping/clearing of shear blocks; clearance of shear block bases; & ancillary works; ancillary site preparation works, site clearance & levelling at the 6no. temporary construction compounds & associated temporary works to existing tracks & new temporary access routes to provide internal access routes to each tower with all associated works required to facilitate the development. No works will be undertaken to the overhead line (conductor). The proposed development will also consist of upgrades to the Cashla 220kV substation that will consist of: the decommissioning and removal of line bay equipment within the substation boundary; construction of a new adjacent offline like for like line bay & associated bay protection cabinets within the substation boundary; & new overhead lines connection between the end mast & the new line bay. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be submitted to the planning authority with the application</p>	<p>Further Information Requested by GCC 19/10/2023</p>
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24/60230	for the development consisting of a new 38kV overhead line (OHL) from existing Glenamaddy 38kV station to existing cable ducts approximately 720 metres East of the existing Cloon 110kV station at Cloonascragh. The proposed development involves the construction of 179no. poles (up to 18m in height), 2no. end masts (up to 16.2m in height) and stringing with overhead lines, over a distance of approximately 26.8km, and all associated works including any temporary works required. The project was previously granted under pl. ref. no. 10779 and an extension of this permission was granted under pl. ref. no. 15861. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanies the application. OSI 2,500 series; 2882, 2883, 2815, 2816, 2748, 2679, 2609, 2610, 2680, 2543, 2544, 2611	Further Information Requested by GCC 26/04/2024.
<p>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.</p>		
<p>Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?</p>		
<p>Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes please specify</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: N/A</p>		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Construction of a permanent substation which will comprise of a 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) building, an Independent Power Producer (IPP) compound, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) compound, including 4 no. 18-metre high Lightning Monopoles, welfare facilities, car parking, wastewater holding tank, 36-metre-high Telecommunications Mast, 2.6-metre high palisade fencing, external lighting, underground cabling, and all associated infrastructure and apparatus; II. All works associated with the connection of the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm to the national electricity grid, including the provision of underground electrical cabling (220kV) to the existing Flagford to Cashla 220kV overhead line, in the townland of Laughil; III. The provision of 2 no. loop-in towers, 2 no. gantries within 2 no. cable compounds to facilitate the connection of the proposed substation to the existing Flagford to Cashla 220kV overhead line; IV. Construction of 2 no. gated permanent site entrances off the L6501 Local Road to facilitate access to the proposed development and the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm; V. Provision of 4 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the underground electrical cabling route and temporary accommodation areas to facilitate underground cabling works; VI. Provision of a cable access track to facilitate the installation and maintenance of cabling and provide access to the proposed substation; VII. Reinstatement of the road or track surface above the proposed cabling trench along existing roads and tracks; VIII. Operational access road to the proposed development and the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm; IX. Site Drainage; X. Tree felling and hedgerow removal to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development; XI. Operational stage site signage; and XII. All ancillary works and apparatus.
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	<p>The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission. The development subject of this application will facilitate the connection of the proposed 11 no. wind turbine Clonberne Wind Farm to the national electricity grid. A concurrent application in relation to the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm is also being lodged to An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application.</p>
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- 10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:**

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

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

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	220kV GIS building – 906.5m ² IPP Building – 324.5m ² Battery Storage Containers – 315m ² Total – 1546m ²
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A

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

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	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		Existing:	Proposed:			Total: N/A	

13. Social Housing: N/A

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
Public Road corridor, cut peat, commercial forestry, and agriculture
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
On-site 220kV Substation, Underground 220kV Cabling Route, 2 no. new interface towers, Access Track, Operational Access Road, Telecommunications Mast, Site Drainage, Operational Site Signage, Joint Bays, all associated infrastructure.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The development will facilitate the connection of the proposed 11 no. wind turbine Clonberne Wind Farm to the national electricity grid.

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			✓
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.		✓	
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		✓	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		✓	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		✓	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			✓
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			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			✓
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			✓
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			✓
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			✓

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 does not necessitate a potable source. Please refer to Chapter 4 of the EIAR for further details. Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): _____
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/> Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify: It is not proposed to treat wastewater on site. Wastewater from the staff welfare facilities will be managed by means of a sealed storage tank, with all wastewater being tankered off site by a permitted waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant. Please refer to chapter 4 of the EIAR for further details.
Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/> Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify: A controlled drainage system will be used. Refer to Chapter 4 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> National Paper: The Irish Independent, Published 28 th June 2024, dated 28 th June 2024. Local Paper: The Connacht Tribune, Published 27 th June 2024, Dated 28 th June 2024.
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Site notices have been erected on site on 2 nd July 2024 Site notice locations are shown on MKO Drawing ref: 180740 – 101, 180740 – 101A, 180740 – 101B, 180740 – 101C
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All documentation is available to view on the dedicated project website http://www.clonbernegridd.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: Refer to Appendix 3 of this planning application form Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Enclosed: Refer to Appendix 4 of this planning application form Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

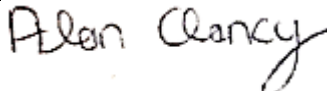
19. Confirmation Notice:

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 2024114) confirmation is attached in Appendix 5 of this form

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000.00 (Paid by EFT on 13/06/2024 Ref No. 208686634)
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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)	 Alan Clancy, MKO Planning (AGENT), Tuam Road, Galway
Date:	2 nd July 2024

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 Planning Drawings

Drawing No.	Drawing Title	Scale	Page Size
180740 – 100	Location Context Map	1: 50,000	A3
180740 – 101	Site Location Map (Including Site Notice Key Plan	1: 20,000	A3
180740 – 101A	Site Notice Location Map Sheet A	1:2,500	A3
180740 – 101B	Site Notice Location Map Sheet B	1:2,500	A3
180740 – 101C	Site Notice Location Map Sheet C	1:2,500	A3
180740 – 102	Signage Detail	1:20	A3
180740 – 103	Field Gate Detail	1:20	A3
180740 – 104	Access Junction E	As shown	A3
180740 – 105	Access Junction H	As shown	A3
TLI			
05990-DR-101	Site Layout Key Plan Sheet 1 of 2	1: 2,500	A1
05990-DR-102	Site Layout Key Plan Sheet 2 of 2	1: 2,500	A1
05990-DR-103	Site Layout Plan Sheet 1 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-104	Site Layout Plan Sheet 2 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-105	Site Layout Plan Sheet 3 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-106	Site Layout Plan Sheet 4 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-107	Site Layout Plan Sheet 5 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-108	Site Layout Plan Sheet 6 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-109	Site Layout Plan Sheet 7 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-110	Site Layout Plan Sheet 8 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-111	Site Layout Plan Sheet 9 of 9	1: 500	A1
05990-DR-112	220kV GIS Substation Plan	1: 250	A1
05990-DR-113	Substation Compound Elevations	1: 250	A0
05990-DR-114	Site Compound Details	As shown	A2
05990-DR-115	Drainage Details	As shown	A1
05990-DR-116	Gate & Fencing Details	1: 20	A1
05990-DR-117	MV Customer Switchgear Room Plan And Elevations & Section	1: 75	A1

05990-DR-118	220KV GIS Building General Arrangement Ground & First Floor Plans	1: 100	A1
05990-DR-119	220KV GIS Building General Arrangement Section A-A	1: 100	A1
05990-DR-120	220KV GIS Building Elevations Sheet 1 of 2	1: 100	A1
05990-DR-121	220KV GIS Building Roof Plan & Elevations Sheet 2 of 2	1: 100	A1
05990-DR-122	Lightning Monopole Details – 18m Mast	As shown	A2
05990-DR-123	Ducting Through Public Road With and Without Peat	1: 50	A1
05990-DR-124	Ducting Through Access Road With and Without Peat	1: 50	A1
05990-DR-125	Ducting In Bog Road	1: 50	A3
05990-DR-126	Telecoms Tower	1: 100	A1
05990-DR-127	Bridge 1 – Proposed Crossing Details	As shown	A1
05990-DR-128	Trench Sections for Crossing Existing Culverts/Services	As shown	A1
05990-DR-129	Trench Sections for Crossing Watermain/Wastewater	As shown	A1
05990-DR-130	220kV Joint Bay Section Detail	As shown	A1
05990-DR-131	Cable Compound Layout Details	1: 200	A1
05990-DR-132	Cable Compound Sections	As shown	A1
05990-DR-133	Compound Gantry - Tower Elevations	1: 100	A1
05990-DR-134	Battery Container – Plan, Elevations & Section	1: 100	A3
Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions			
20021-GDG-ZZ- XX-DR-C-0100	Access Road Standard Details	N.T.S.	A1
20021-GDG-ZZ- XX-DR-C-0101	Cable Trench Standard Details	N.T.S.	A1
Hydro Environmental Services Ltd.			
P1508-0_D101_GC	Proposed Drainage Layout	1:2,000	A1
P1508-0_D501	Proposed Drainage Details	As shown	A1
P1508-0_D502	Proposed Drainage Details	As shown	A1

Appendix 2 – Letters of Consent

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Your Ref:

Date: 25 June 2024

MKO
Planning & Environmental Consultants
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Galway

Re: Clonberne Windfarm Project

Dear Sirs,

We, Doherty Solicitors, hereby confirm that the landowners, as outlined on the attached Annex, have consented to the planning application made or to be made by Clonberne Windfarm Limited with regards to the proposed Wind Farm Project and associated Grid Connection to be known as Clonberne Wind Farm.

Please note that this confirmation does not represent a signed commitment by the respective landowners to enter into a lease of the lands which will be the subject of the said planning application.

Yours faithfully,


Brian Doherty
doherty solicitors
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ANNEX

CLONBERNE WIND FARM PROJECT

**ANNEX OF LANDOWNERS (GRID CONNECTION) WHO HAVE CONSENTED TO PLANNING
PERMISSION FOR WIND FARM PROJECT AT CLONBERNE, BALLINASLOE, CO. GALWAY**

No.	Name
1	Padraic Burke, Ballyedmond, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
2	Alan Clarke, Claddagh East, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway
3	Caroline Cunningham, Fortbrowne, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway
4	John Dunleavy Sand, Grawnes, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway
5	Michelle & Patrick Feeney, Ballyedmond, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway
6	Michael Keane, Dereen, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway

Appendix 3 – Pre-Application Consultation Details

Galway County Council

First Meeting

The prospective applicant and members of the design team met with representatives from Galway County Council (GCC) in relation to the Proposed Project prior to the submission of this planning application.

The first meeting took place in accordance with Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the Act) on the 19th November 2020, via MS Teams, and included representatives from the Council's Planning, Roads, Environment, Municipal District and Heritage sections. The team gave a brief PowerPoint presentation as an introduction to the site and development proposals, including a summary of the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) thresholds and criteria noting the application would be made to An Bord Pleanála as SID.

Those in attendance were:

- Caroline Hannon (GCC)
- Alan O'Connell (GCC)
- Catherine Crawford (GCC)
- Fiona Holland (GCC)
- Jack Houlihan (GCC)
- Ann Dolan ((GCC)
- Christina Ryan (GCC)
- Owen Cahill (MKO)
- Jimmy Green (MKO)
- Paul Sweeney (MKO)

Matters discussed included:

- Introduction
- Strategic Infrastructure Development Consultations
- Site Location
- Site Selection
- Policy Context
- Wind Farm Design Process and Emergence of Optimal Layout
- Stakeholder Engagement and Public Consultation
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report

The Roads Department of GCC requested a comprehensive assessment of the turbine delivery route, including swept path analysis and auto-tracks analysis. It was also outlined that road realignment works were proposed by GCC and that any autotracks should adopt this where required. Additionally, GCC requested liaison with the local engineer for the Tuam area to ensure proposed works align with any network changes required for turbine delivery.

Please refer to Section 15.1.1.4 of the EIAR for further details.

Second Meeting

A second meeting was held between members of the project team and the applicant with representatives from GCC Department via MS Teams on the 11th December 2023. The project team gave a further overview of the Proposed Project and the design updates to the wind turbine locations and grid route connection proposals, in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The purpose of the meeting focused on discussions of a second Grid Connection which comprises the construction of a Proposed 220kV Grid Connection including a substation and associated infrastructure on lands at Clonberne and Ballinphuil Co. Galway.

Those in attendance were:

- Alan O'Connell – Senior Planner (Galway County Council)
- Liam Hanrahan – Director of Planning (Galway County Council)
- Patrick O'Sullivan – Executive Planner (Galway County Council)
- John Walsh – Cregmore Ltd (Applicant)
- Owen Cahill – MKO Environmental
- Jonny Fearon – MKO Environmental
- Alan Clancy – MKO Planning
- Jade Power -- MKO Planning

Matters discussed included:

- Introduction & The Applicant
- Background
- Project Overview
- Planning Policy Context
- Environmental Assessment
- Public Consultation
- Proposed Project Timeline

Section 182E Consultation

First Meeting

The prospective Applicant also engaged with An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), as to whether the Grid Connection element of the Proposed Project would be considered SID.

A SID meeting under the provisions of Section 182E Case Reference ABP- 314729-22) was held with the Board on the 13th December 2022. Those in attendance were:

- Ciara Kellett, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair), An Bord Pleanála
- Paul Caprani, Senior Planning Inspector, An Bord Pleanála
- Niamh Thornton, Executive Officer, An Bord Pleanála
- Owen Cahill, MKO
- John Willoughby, MKO
- Ronan Dunne, MKO

The design team gave an overview of the Proposed Grid Connection in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included:

- Introductions
- Pre-planning consultations to date
- Summary details of project
- Proposed Project
- Policy Context
- Design and environmental assessment process
- S182 criteria
- Proposed project timeline
- Feedback and discussion

On the 8th June 2023, MKO on behalf of the prospective Applicant sought a second meeting with the Board in relation to the Grid Connection. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the second Grid Connection option which was being considered and it was noted to the Board that the intention was to request planning permission for both the 110kV and 220kV Substations and Grid Connections options and to determine which option to construct based on the project's requirements and grid connection offers received from Eirgrid in the event of a grant of planning permission.

Second Meeting

A second SID meeting under the provisions of Section 182E was held with the Board on the 11th July 2023.. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the second Grid Connection option which was being considered and it was noted to the Board that the intention was to request planning permission for both the 110kV and 220kV Substations and Grid Connections options and to determine which option to construct based on the project's requirements and grid connection offers received from Eirgrid in the event of a grant of planning permission.

Those in attendance were:

- Paul Caprani, Senior Planning Inspector, An Bord Pleanála
- Ashling Doherty, An Bord Pleanála
- Michael Watson, MKO
- Sanghamitra Dutta, MKO
- Alan Clancy, MKO
- Jade Power MKO
- John Walsh, Cregmore Construction
- Johnny Mullins, Cregmore Construction

The design team gave an overview of the updated Grid Connection options for the Proposed Project in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation described both proposed grid connections (110kv connection to substation, or overhead 220kv connection) and it was noted that only one option for grid connection will be applied for planning permission dependent on EirGrids capacity for the connection.

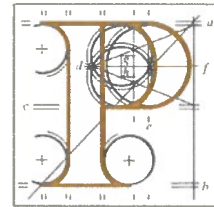
Pre-Application Close out Letter

On the 2nd January 2024, the Board wrote to the prospective Applicant and confirmed that the consultation was closed and that the Grid Connection was considered to be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of Section 182E of the Act, and therefore the planning application should be made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

Appendix 4 – SID Determination Letter from An Bord Pleanála

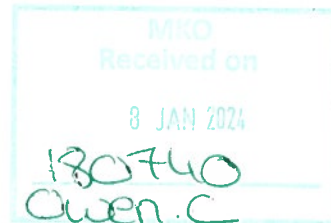
Our Case Number: ABP-314729-22

Your Reference: Clonberne Windfarm



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MKO
Planning & Environmental Consultants
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Date: 02 January 2024

Re: Proposed 110kV electrical infrastructure and connection to the national grid.
Clonberne and Ballinphuill, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the Board hereby serves notice that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Any application for approval for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A(1) 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.

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

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications
- Minister of Agriculture Food and the Marine
- Galway County Council
- An Taisce
- Fáilte Ireland
- Heritage Council
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon
- Irish Water
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities
- Inland Fisheries Ireland

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- Health Service Executive
- Office of Public Works
- ESB
- Eirgrid

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

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 following 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.

Judicial review of An Bord Pleanála decisions under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts (as amended).

A person wishing to challenge the validity of a Board decision may do so by way of judicial review only. Sections 50, 50A and 50B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as substituted by section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended/substituted by sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by sections 20 and 21 of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011) contain provisions in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of the Board.

The validity of a decision taken by the Board may only be questioned by making an application for judicial review under Order 84 of The Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986). Sub-section 50(7) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires that subject to any extension to the time period which may be allowed by the High Court in accordance with subsection 50(8), any application for judicial review must be made within 8 weeks of the decision of the Board. It should be noted that any challenge taken under section 50 may question only the validity of the decision and the Courts do not adjudicate on the merits of the development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. Section 50A states that leave for judicial review shall not be granted unless the Court is satisfied that there are substantial grounds for contending that the decision is invalid or ought to be quashed and that the applicant has a sufficient interest in the matter which is the subject of the application or in cases involving environmental impact assessment is a body complying with specified criteria.

Section 50B contains provisions in relation to the cost of judicial review proceedings in the High Court relating to specified types of development (including proceedings relating to decisions or actions pursuant to a law of the state that gives effect to the public participation and access to justice provisions of Council Directive 85/337/EEC i.e. the EIA Directive and to the provisions of Directive 2001/12/EC i.e. Directive on the assessment of the effects on the environment of certain plans and programmes). The general provision contained in section 50B is that in such cases each party shall bear its own costs. The Court however may award costs against any party in specified circumstances. There is also provision for the Court to award the costs of proceedings or a portion of such costs to an applicant against a respondent or notice party where relief is obtained to the extent that the action or omission of the respondent or notice party contributed to the relief being obtained.

General information on judicial review procedures is contained on the following website, www.citizensinformation.ie.

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Disclaimer: The above is intended for information purposes. It does not purport to be a legally binding interpretation of the relevant provisions and it would be advisable for persons contemplating legal action to seek legal advice.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix 5 – EIA Portal Confirmation

Alan Clancy

From: Housing Eiaportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: 25 June 2024 17:26
To: Alan Clancy
Subject: EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2024114

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

Dear Alan,

An EIA Portal notification was received on 25/06/2024 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on **25/06/2024** under EIA Portal ID number **2024114** and is available to view at

<http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

Portal ID: 2024114

Competent Authority: An Bord Pleanála

Applicant Name: Clonberne Windfarm Limited

Location: the townlands of Cloonarkan, Clonbern and Laughil, Co. Galway

Description: A 220kV electrical substation, all associated electrical plant and apparatus and all ancillary works, Underground electrical cabling (220kV), site entrances, joint bays, cable access track, site drainage, tree felling, All ancillary works and apparatus.

Linear Development: No

Date Uploaded to Portal: 25/06/2024

Regards,

Emmet

EIA Portal team

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