



An Bord Pleanála,
Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Section,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.

30th August 2024

Our Ref: 200513

Your Ref: ABP 317763-23

Re: Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Proposed Development in the townlands of Lakyle, Knockdonagh, Castlebank, Cloghera, Roo West, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Merritt), Glenlon South, Trough, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Parker) and Ballykeelaun, Co. Clare.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, FuturEnergy Knockshanvo Designated Activity Company, please find enclosed a copy of a planning application for development of a grid connection which will facilitate the connection of the proposed 9 no. wind turbine Knockshanvo Wind Farm to the national electricity grid. The proposed development will comprise 110kV underground cabling to Ardnacrusha 110kV electrical substation and associated works in in the townlands Lakyle, Knockdonagh, Castlebank, Cloghera, Roo West, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Merritt), Glenlon South, Trough, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Parker) and Ballykeelaun, Co. Clare.

The application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála to the applicant in correspondence dated the 18th January 2024 following pre-application consultations with the Board (ref: ABP-317763-23). A copy of that correspondence is included in the application pack.

Proposed Grid Connection Description

A description of the Proposed Grid Connection as set out in the public planning notices, is as follows:

The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:

- I. The provision of underground electrical cabling (110kV) from the proposed Knockshanvo Wind Farm development to the existing Ardnacrusha 110kV electrical substation to facilitate the connection to the national grid;*
- II. Provision of 14 joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the proposed underground electrical cabling route;*
- III. Permanent and temporary Site Drainage;*
- IV. Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;*
- V. Reinstatement of land, road and track surface above the proposed cabling trench;*
- VI. All related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.*



The development subject of this application will facilitate the connection of the proposed 9 no. wind turbine Knockshanvo Wind Farm to the national electricity grid. A planning application for the Knockshanvo Wind Farm development is also being lodged to An Bord Pleanála.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application.

Contents of the Application

As outlined in detail in the accompanying documentation, all elements of the Proposed Development, i.e. the Proposed Grid Connection (subject of this Section 182A application) and the Proposed Wind Farm (subject of a separate Section 37A application), have been assessed as part of the EIAR and NIS lodged.

As the project requires an EIAR the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is 2024144 and the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation;
 - Planning Application Form;
 - Letter of consent from relevant landowners – included with the planning application form;
 - Copies of cover letters issued to Prescribed Bodies;
 - Site Notice (copy, as erected on site on the 28th August 2024);
 - Newspaper Notices – Local Publication: *The Clare Champion* (Published 29th August 2024, Dated 30th August 2024) and National Publication: *The Irish Independent* (Published 30th August 2024, Dated 30th August 2024).
 - Planning Report;
 - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2024144); included with the planning application form;
 - Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with the planning application form);
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR);
 - Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report;
 - Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet;
 - Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices;
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

8 no. electronic copies of the planning application pack and 2 no. paper copies as outlined above are enclosed with this letter, as agreed with An Bord Pleanála. Clare County Council have received 2 no. hardcopies and 1 no. electronic copy of the application pack Limerick County Council have also received 2 no. hardcopies and 1 no. electronic copy of the application pack. All prescribed bodies as set out in the Board's letter of the 18th January have received a digital copy of the application pack. All documentation associated with this application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: www.Knockshanvogridplanning.ie

All planning drawings are provided at scales which have previously been agreed with An Bord Pleanála.

The planning application fee of €100,000 has been paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on the 26/08/2024 under Payment Reference No. 3200476789.



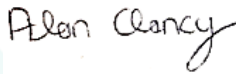
I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for your requirements. If however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Proof of payment is included as **Appendix 1** of this cover letter.

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If you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Clancy BA, MPlan,

Project Planner, MKO.

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Appendix 1 – Proof of Payment





Danske Bank
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IFSC, Dublin 1, D01 K8F1
Telephone 01 484 2660
BIC/SWIFT: DABAIE2D
www.danskebank.ie

Payment - Account transfer - External	
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Payment data	
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Beneficiary's account number:	IE70 AIBK 9310 5500 3160 67
Amount:	100,000.00 EUR
Transaction date:	27-08-2024
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Status details	
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Authorised:	26-08-2024 by 8B6958
Technical references	
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