

An  
Bord  
Pleanála

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

1.

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:	<a href="#">FuturEnergy Knockshanvo Designated Activity Company</a>
Address:	<a href="#">C/O FuturEnergy, Ireland</a> <a href="#">27/28 Herbert Place, Dublin 2</a> <a href="#">D02 DC97</a>
Telephone No:	<a href="#">01 6698565</a>
Email Address (if any):	<a href="mailto:knockshanvo@futureenergyireland.ie">knockshanvo@futureenergyireland.ie</a>

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Jim Caplis Paul Blount
Registered Address (of company)	C/O FuturEnergy Ireland, 27/28 Herbert Place, Dublin 2 D02 DC97
Company Registration No.	694635
Telephone No.	01 6698565
Email Address (if any)	knockshanvo@futureenergyireland.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)91 735 611
Mobile No. (if any)	+353 (0)91 735 611
Email address (if any)	<a href="mailto:aclancy@mkoireland.ie">aclancy@mkoireland.ie</a> ,

**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, Tuam Road, Galway](#)

[091 735611](#)

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

Name:	1. <a href="#">Killian Devereux</a> 2. <a href="#">Damien Browne</a>
Firm / Company:	1. <a href="#">MKO</a> 2. <a href="#">TLI</a>
Address:	1. <a href="#">MKO, Tuam Road, Galway.</a> 2. <a href="#">Beenreigh Abbeydorney Tralee Co Kerry</a>
Telephone No:	1. <a href="#">091 735 611</a> 2. <a href="#">066 7135710</a>
Mobile No:	<a href="#">N/A</a>
Email Address (if any):	1. <a href="mailto:info@mkoireland.ie">info@mkoireland.ie</a> 2. <a href="mailto:info@tli.ie">info@tli.ie</a>
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.  <a href="#">Please find attached drawing schedule in Appendix 1</a>	

**6. Site:**

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The site is located 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.	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	<p><u>OS Map References:</u> OS1414, OS1416, OS1614</p> <p><u>OS Sheet References:</u> 4384, 4385, 4386, 4387, 4388, 4442, 4443, 4444, 4445, 4446, 4501, 4502, 4503, 4504, 4505, 4561, 4562, 4563, 4564, 4565, 4620, 4621, 4622, 4623, 4624, 4680, 4681, 4682, 4683, 4684.</p> <p><u>Grid Reference (ITM):</u> ITM X 558308 Y 661768</p>	
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	8.97ha	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	Unzoned lands	

Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	<p><u>Existing</u></p> <p>Forestry roads, public road and agricultural land.</p> <p><u>Proposed</u></p> <p>Underground electrical cabling (110kV), joint bays, site drainage, forestry felling, reinstatement works above cabling trench, all related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.</p>
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Clare 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 ✓	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<p>The cable route will be constructed primarily within public roads within the jurisdiction of Clare County Council with a number of sections within third party lands. Where the development occurs in third party lands, the applicant has obtained Letters of Consent which are appended to this application form at Appendix 2.</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><b>If you are not the legal owner</b>, 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>		
<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
1	Coillte	Dublin Road, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, A63 DN25, Ireland.
2	ESB	Generation and Trading, 27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, D02 KT92.

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

Yes – please refer to MKO drawing 200513-a-02 with landowner boundaries outlined in blue.

## 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:

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

Yes: [ ] No: [ ☒ ]

If yes, please give details:

### Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?

Yes: [ ☒ ] No: [ ]

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
2460351	To RETAIN changes to original house plans submitted for grant of planning permission P8/10268, and for detached shed and all associated site development works	Decision Due 23/09/2024
24218	To construct a slatted slurry storage tank with associated site works	Decision Due 01/09/2024

ABP-318782-23	Planning Permission to develop a Windfarm and Ancillary Infrastructure within the townlands of Ballycr (North), Belvoir, Cloghera, Cloonsheerea, Cloontra, Cloontra East, Cloontra West, Crag, Derrynaveagh, Derryvinnan, Drumsillagh, Sallybank (Meritt), Droomsillagh or Sallybank (Parker), Gortacullin, Knockbrack Lower, Knockshanvo, Kyle, Mountrice, Oatfield and Snaty, Co.Clare	Decision Due
2348/ ABP-317705-23	For a Medical Centre and all associated site works	Granted Permission by An Bord Pleanála 05/07/2024
2337	To fill land with topsoil, subsoil, stone and inorganic construction material to raise the level of the land for agricultural purposes. A Natura Impact Statement is included with the application.	Granted Permission 21/12/2023
23148/ ABP-317227-23	for development of a wind farm in the townlands of Fahy Beg, Fahy More North, Ballymoloney, Ballyknavin (Ed O'Briensbridge), Ballyquin More, Woodpark and Leitrim, Co Clare together with the development of an underground grid connection cable to the national grid. The underground grid connection is located primarily within the public road within the townlands of Leitrim, Fahy More South, Ballybrack, Aharinaghmore, Tooreen (Ed Cloghera) Aharinaghbeg, Knockdonagh, Roo East, Blackwater, Rosmadda West, Parkroe, Lackyle (Ed Ballyglass) and Castlebank, Co Clare.	Granted Permission by An Bord Pleanála 21/03/2024
21799	for the construction of a new fully serviced two storey detached dwelling house, new single storey detached garage, new vehicular entrance landscaping and boundary treatments, new connection to existing Roo West group water scheme and installation of a new wastewater treatment system and percolation area together with all ancillary and associated site works	Granted Permission 28/10/2021
21843	to construct dwelling house, garage, bored well, waste water treatment system, percolation area, entrance and all associated site works	Granted Permission 08/11/2021
23209	to construct dwelling house, garage, waste water treatment system, percolation area, entrance and all associated site works	Granted Permission 30/08/2023

2298	for a preschool facility, entrance and all associated site works	Granted Permission 01/09/2022
20961	for a dwelling house, entrance and all associated site works	Granted Permission 05/05/2021
21451	to construct dwelling house, garage, bored well, waste water treatment system, percolation area, entrance and all associated site works	Granted Permission 04/11/2021
19118	to construct garage and all associated site works	Granted Permission 04/05/2019
191013	to RETAIN a development at Cois Sionna, Lackyle, Ardnacrusha, Co Clare. The development consists of a) The connection of an unauthorized garage and home office/study to an existing dwelling, b) an unauthorized extension linking the existing unauthorized garage to the existing dwelling house, c) an unauthorized enclosed porch to the front of the dwelling house, d) an unauthorized connection to an existing foul sewer. The Permission to RETAIN is being sought for an unspecified period of time	Granted Permission 27/03/2020
16970	to demolish 180m2 of existing structure and construct a Dairy Parlour and extend cubicle house, along with ancillary site works	Granted Permission 12/03/2017
16713	for the demolition of existing lean-to extension to rear of dwelling house, construction of a new bedroom extension to rear of dwelling house to include internal alterations and modifications, alterations to windows on existing elevations and construction of a single storey granny flat extension to the rear of existing dwelling house and all associated site works	Granted Permission 04/12/2016
<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><b>Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?</b></p>		
<p>Yes: [ ] No: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]</p> <p>If yes please specify</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: <u>N/A</u></p>		



## 9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<p>The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>II. Provision of 14 joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the proposed underground electrical cabling route;</li> <li>III. Permanent and temporary Site Drainage;</li> <li>IV. Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;</li> <li>V. Reinstatement of land, road and track surface above the proposed cabling trench;</li> <li>VI. All related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.</li> </ol> <p>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.</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 <sup>2</sup>
N/A	N/A
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 <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (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: N/A	Proposed: N/A			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)
Forestry roads, public road and agricultural land.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Underground electrical cabling (110kV), joint bays, site drainage, forestry felling, reinstatement works above cabling trench, all related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
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.

## 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: **N/A**

Existing connection: ☐ New Connection: ☐

Public Mains: ☐ Group Water Scheme: ☐ Private Well: ☐

Other (please specify): ☒

Water supply for the site office and other sanitation during the construction phase will be brought to site and removed after use from the site to be discharged at a suitable off-site treatment location.

Please refer to chapter 4 of the EIAR for further detail.

Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):

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### Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment: **N/A**

Existing: ☐ New: ☐

Public Sewer: ☐ Conventional septic tank system: ☐

Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify:

During the construction phase, a self-contained port-a-loo with an integrated waste holding tank will be used at each of the site compounds, maintained by the providing contractor, and removed from site on completion of the construction works;

Wastewater effluent will be collected in an underground concrete holding tank and periodically emptied by a licenced contractor for the operational phase of the Proposed Development.

Please refer to chapter 4 of the EIAR for further detail.

### Proposed Surface Water Disposal: **N/A**

Public Sewer / Drain: ☐ Soakpit: ☐

Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☐ 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"/> ]  <b>National Paper:</b> The Irish Independent, Published 30th August 2024, dated 30th August 2024.  <b>Local Paper:</b> The Clare Champion, Published 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2024, dated 30 <sup>th</sup> August 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 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024.  Site notice locations are shown on MKO Drawing ref: 200513 – a – 02, 200513 – a – 02a, 200513 – a – 02b, 200513 – a – 02c, 200513 – a – 02d, 200513 – a – 02e, 200513 – a – 02f.
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website:  <a href="http://www.knockshanvogridplanning.ie">www.knockshanvogridplanning.ie</a>

## 18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
<b>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.</b>  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:

Yes: [ ☒ ] No: [ ☐ ] [Refer to Appendix 4 of this planning application form](#)

## 19. Confirmation Notice:

### Copy of Confirmation Notice

[A copy of the notice is attached, and the EIA Portal \(ID number 2024144\) confirmation is attached in Appendix 5 of this form.](#)

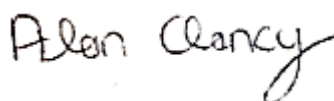
## 20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000.00 (Paid by EFT on 26/08/2024 Ref No. 3200476789)

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:

[30<sup>th</sup> August 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 – Drawings Schedule

Drawing No.	Drawing Title	Scale
200513 – a – 01	Location Context Map	1: 50,000 @A3
200513 – a – 02	Site Location Map (Site Notice Key Plan)	1: 20,000 @A1
200513 – a – 02a	Site Notice Location Map A	1:2,500 @A3
200513 – a – 02b	Site Notice Location Map B	1:2,500 @A3
200513 – a – 02c	Site Notice Location Map C	1:2,500 @A3
200513 – a – 02d	Site Notice Location Map D	1:2,500 @A3
200513 – a – 02e	Site Notice Location Map E	1:2,500 @A3
200513 – a – 02f	Site Notice Location Map F	1:2,500 @A3
TLI		
05783-DR-100	Site Layout Key Plan	1: 20,000 @A1
05783-DR-101	Site Layout Plan Sheet 1 of 5	1: 2,500 @A1
05783-DR-102	Site Layout Plan Sheet 2 of 5	1: 2,500 @A1
05783-DR-103	Site Layout Plan Sheet 3 of 5	1: 2,500 @A1
05783-DR-104	Site Layout Plan Sheet 4 of 5	1: 2,500 @A1
05783-DR-105	Site Layout Plan Sheet 5 of 5	1: 2,500 @A1
05783-DR-110	Ducting Through Regional / Local Roadways	1: 10 @A1
05783-DR-111	Ducting Through Forestry Road	1: 10 @A3
05783-DR-112	Ducting Through Off Road Sections	1: 10 @A3
05783-DR-113	Section Through Ducting in Flat Formation	1: 10 @A3
05783-DR-114	110kV Ducting Through Existing Floating Road in Peat	1: 25 @A1
05783-DR-115	110kV Ducting Through Section Upgraded Floating Road in Peat > 2.5m	1: 20 @A3
05783-DR-116	Trench Sections for Undercrossing Existing Culverts / Services	1:20 & 1: 50 @A1
05783-DR-117	Trench Sections for Overcrossing Under Existing Culverts / Services	1:20 & 1: 50 @A1
05783-DR-118	Trench Sections for Undercrossing Existing Watermain/Wastewater	1:20 & 1: 50 @A1
05783-DR-119	Trench Sections for Undercrossing Existing Watermain/Wastewater	1:20 & 1: 50 @A1
05783-DR-120	Bridge 1 - Proposed Crossing Details	1: 100 & 1:50 @A2
05783-DR-121	Bridge 2 - Proposed Crossing Details	1: 100 & 1:50 @A2
05783-DR-122	Forestry Access Road with Service Corridor through existing Fire Break	1: 30 @A3
05783-DR-123	Communications Chamber Details	1: 20 @A3
05783-DR-124	Earth Link Chamber Details	1: 20 @A3
05783-DR-125	Transition Chamber Details	1: 20 @A3
05783-DR-126	Joint Bay Section Detail	As Shown
05783-DR-127	110kV Joint Bay General Arrangement and Details	1: 50 @A1
05783-DR-240	Proposed Culvert Crossings	N.T.S



## Appendix 2 – Letters of Consent

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

Our Ref: CLS\_ABP\_LTR\_615

26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Re: Letter of consent regarding the Planning Application by Futureenergy Knockshanvo Designated Activity Company (DAC) for the Knockshanvo Wind Farm as it relates to Coillte property in Co. Clare**

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter refers to the estate right and title of Coillte Cuideachta Ghníomhaíochta Ainmnithe (“Coillte CGA”) in the properties known as Snatty, Cloontra, Knockshanvo and Formoyle outlined in blue on the indicative map (“Map 1”) attached hereto (hereinafter called “the Property”).

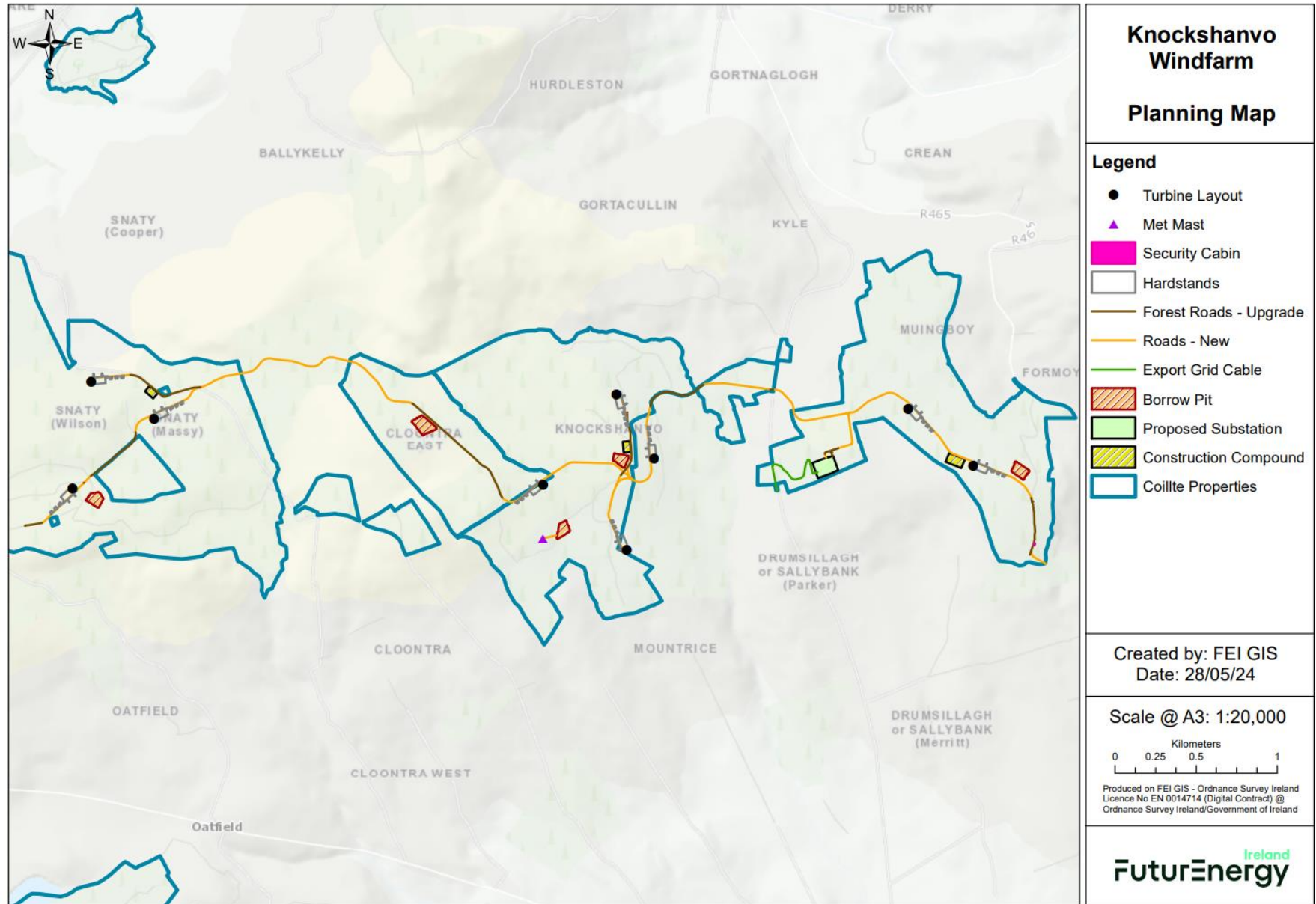
We refer to the proposal by Futureenergy Knockshanvo DAC to locate 7 turbines, associated roading and cabling requirements, a substation, a met mast, 5 borrow pits and 3 temporary construction compounds on the Property as part of the Knockshanvo Wind Farm. We wish to advise that we have no objection in principle to the submission of a planning application which solely relates to the proposal to locate 7 turbines, associated roading and cabling requirements, a substation, a met mast, 5 borrow pits and 3 temporary construction compounds on the Property in the manner illustrated in Map 1 and hereby furnish this letter for the purposes of consent only to the submission of this application by Futureenergy Knockshanvo DAC.

Yours faithfully,

Brenda Molloy  
On behalf of Coillte CGA  
Sent by email, no signature

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Map 1: Map Illustrating the Proposed Development as it Concerns Coillte Property (Outlined in Blue)





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**An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
D01 V902**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Re: Planning Application for Knockshanvo Wind Farm 110kV Underground Cable**

To whom it may concern,

ESB confirms that it is the legal owner of the lands registered in Folio 51663F Entry No. 1 in the Townland of Castlebank, Barony of Bunratty Lower, Electoral Division of Ballyglass, Co. Clare.

As legal owner of the lands, ESB consents to the submission of a planning application by FuturEnergy Ireland Knockshanvo Designated Activity Company, insofar as it affects ESB's land in Folio 51663F Entry No. 1 Co. Clare in respect of the 110kV underground cable connecting Knockshanvo Wind Farm to Ardnacrusha Station, Co. Clare, as set out on drawing 05783-DR-170 attached.

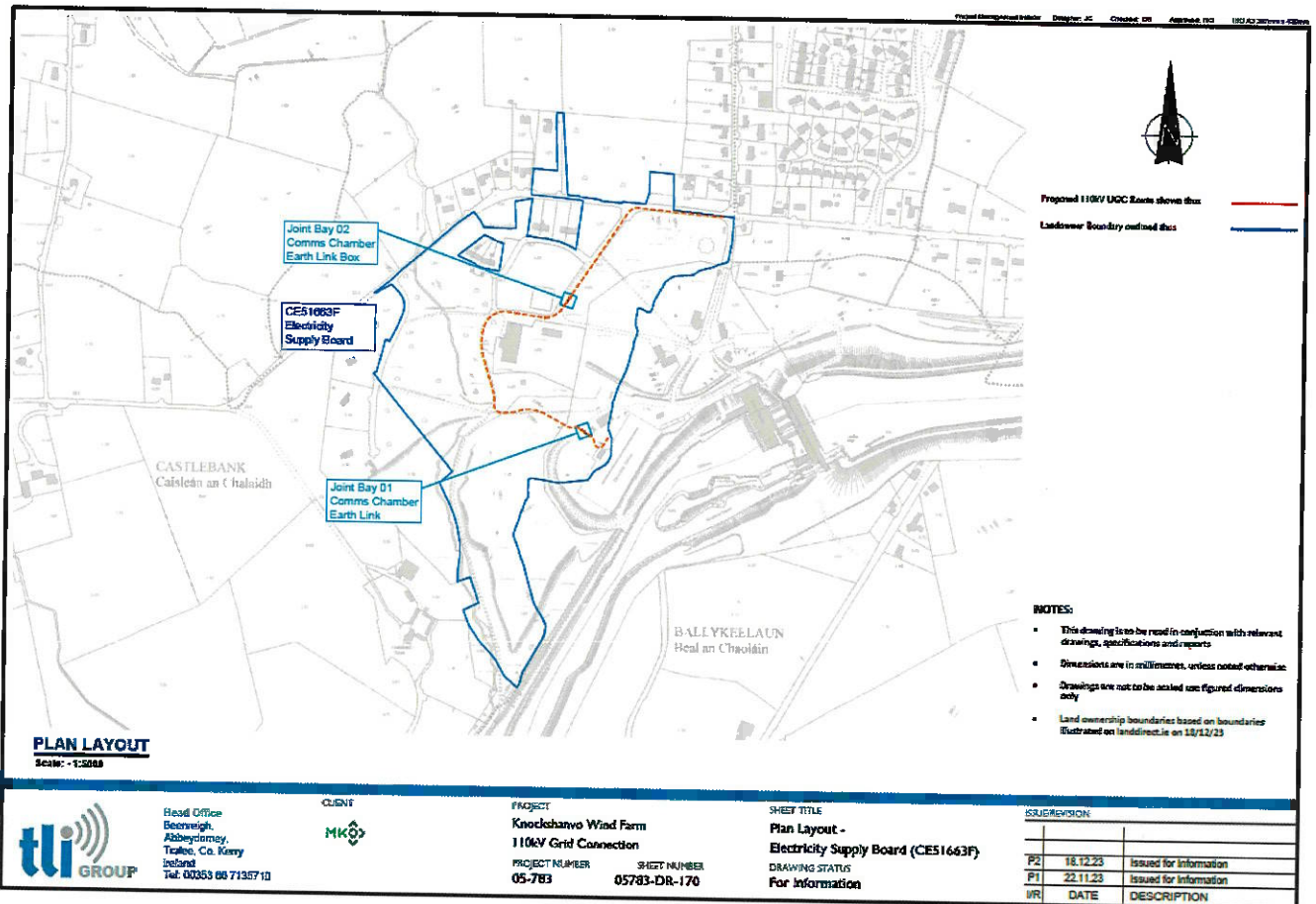
This consent letter is not intended to be a reflection on the merits or otherwise of this planning application and ESB may make separate submissions to the Planning Authority under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended).

This consent letter does not give permission to enter onto ESB's lands or the carrying out of any works on ESB's lands.

Yours Faithfully,

For and on behalf of ESB.

**Robert Laird**  
**Major Contracts Manager, Generation & Trading**



## Appendix 3- Pre-Application Consultation Details

### Clare County Council

Members of the project team first met with Clare County Council in November 2022. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Community Engagement and provide a high-level introduction to the Proposed Development. We also note that in November 2022, the design team met with Clare County Council to discuss the importance and methodology of Community Engagement and Consultation, which has been carried out at a high-level at the beginning of the early design stages of this project.

Members of the project team and the Applicant met with representatives from Clare County Council in accordance with Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (the Act) via MS teams on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The project team gave an overview of the Proposed Development in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.

A second meeting with representatives from Clare County Council under Section 247 of the Act took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 via MS teams.

The project team gave an update on the Proposed Development in the form of a PowerPoint presentation which set out the following information.

For further information, please refer to Section 2.6.4.1 of the EIAR.

### An Bord Pleanála

#### Section 182E Consultation

The Applicant engaged with An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of Section 182E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

A SID meeting under the provisions of Section 182E was held with the Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (ABP-317763-23). The design team gave an overview of the proposed grid route and connection element of the Proposed Development in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023, MKO, on behalf of the Applicant, sought to close the consultation process with An Bord Pleanála. On the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 the Board wrote to the applicant and confirmed that consultation was closed and that any application for approval of the transmission development should be made directly to the Board.

For further information, please refer to Section 2.6.5.2 of the EIAR.

### Pre-Application Consultation with Limerick County Council

The Applicant undertook a pre-application consultation with Limerick County Council to address the proposed temporary transition compound as part of the Proposed Development under Section 247 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). A meeting was held with Limerick County Council and the design team on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

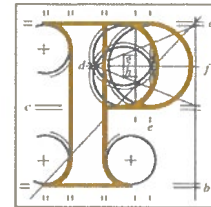
The design team gave an overview of the proposed temporary transition compound element of the Proposed Development in the form of a PowerPoint.

For further information, please refer to Section 2.6.4.2 of the EIAR.

## **Appendix 4 - SID Determination Letter from An Bord Pleanála**

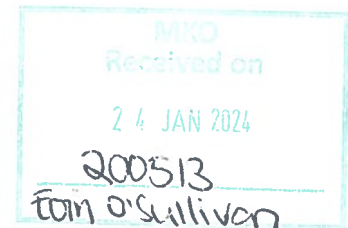
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**Your Reference:** FuturEnergy Knockshanvo Designated Activi  
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Tuam Road  
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**Date:** 18 January 2024

**Re:** Proposed development of 110kV grid connection to facilitate the connection of a proposed windfarm to the national grid.  
Knockshanvo and adjacent townlands, Co. Clare

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.

1. Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
2. Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
3. Southern Regional Assembly
4. Clare County Council
5. EirGrid

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6. ESB
7. Commission for Regulation of Utilities
9. Irish Water
10. Inland Fisheries Ireland
11. An Chomhairle Ealaíon
12. Fáilte Ireland
13. An Taisce
14. Heritage Council

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.

In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of €3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As a meeting was not required / only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of 3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

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

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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](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

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](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

*PP EQM*

Lauren Murphy  
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## **Appendix 5 – EIA Portal Confirmation**

## Alan Clancy

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**From:** Housing Eiaportal <EIAportal@housing.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** 21 August 2024 17:29  
**To:** Alan Clancy  
**Subject:** EIA Portal Confirmation Notice Portal ID 2024144

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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

Good Afternoon Alan,

An EIA Portal notification was received on 21/08/2024 in respect of this proposed application. The information provided has been uploaded to the EIA Portal on 21/08/2024 under EIA Portal ID number 2024144 and is available to view at <http://housinggovie.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d7d5a3d48f104ecbb206e7e5f84b71f1>.

**Portal ID:** 2024144

**Competent Authority:** An Bord Pleanála

**Applicant Name:** FuturEnergy Knockshanvo Designated Activity Company

**Location:** Lakyle, Knockdonagh, Castlebank, Cloghera, Roo West, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Merritt), Glenlon South, Trough, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Parker) and Ballykeelaun, Co. Clare

**Description:** Underground electrical cabling (110kV), joint bays, site drainage, forestry felling, reinstatement works above cabling trench, all related site works and ancillary development considered necessary to facilitate the proposed development.

**Linear Development:** Yes

**Date Uploaded to Portal:** 21/08/2024

Kindest Regards,

Hugh Wogan,

EIA Portal team

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