

# 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 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), FuturEnergy Knockshanvo Designated Activity Company gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a 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. 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.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 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, V95 DXP2.
- The Office of Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick, V94 WV78.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.Knockshanvogridplanning.ie](http://www.Knockshanvogridplanning.ie)  
Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) in writing or online at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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 effects of the proposed development on a European site, if 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 5.30 p.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, 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 (refer to ‘A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)).

The Board shall, in respect of an application under section 182A for approval of the proposed development, make its decision within a reasonable period of time and may, in respect of such application:

- (a) approve the proposed development,
- (b) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in the approval and approve the proposed development as so modified,
- (c) approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), or
- (d) refuse to approve the proposed development.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

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 Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), 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 Boards website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Signed	<div>Alan Clancy</div> <div>(Alan Clancy of MKO, Tuam Road, Galway (Agent))</div>
Date of Erection of Site Notice	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2024