

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 Cork & County Kerry

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Cummeennabuddoge Wind Designated Activity Company, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works in the townlands of Cummeennabuddoge (Coimín na Bodóige) (County Kerry), Clydaghróe (An Chlaoideach Rua) (County Kerry), Glashacormick (Glaise Chormaic) (County Kerry), Cummeenavrick (Coimín an Bhroic) (County Kerry), Caherdowney (Cathair Dhúnaigh) (County Cork).

The Proposed Development will consist of the following:

- 17 wind turbines and associated hardstand areas;
- The turbine dimensions are as follows:
 - a total tip height in the range of 199.5m minimum to 200m maximum inclusive;
 - hub height in the range of 118m minimum to 125.5m maximum inclusive; and
 - rotor diameter in the range of 149m minimum to 163m maximum inclusive.
- One 110kV permanent electrical substation including a control building with welfare facilities, electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, underground cabling, wastewater holding tank and ancillary structures and associated works;
- Underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed on site substation and associated ancillary works;
- 110kV Underground cabling from the new 110kV permanent electrical substation to the existing 220/110kV Ballyvouskill Substation to facilitate export of electricity to the National Electricity Grid;
- Erection of 1 no. Meteorological Mast of 110 metres above existing ground level for the measuring of meteorological conditions, including a lightning rod which will extent above the mast;
- New permanent access tracks and permanent upgrades to existing tracks and site access;
- Four borrow pits;
- Six permanent peat repository areas;
- Permanent placement of peat along sections of site access roads within the restrictions outlined in Technical Appendix 10-3 peat management plan for the site;
- Construction of 3 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including temporary site offices, staff facilities and car-parking areas, all to be removed at the end of the construction phase;
- Permanent and temporary Site drainage;
- Keyhole forestry felling to accommodate the construction and operation of the proposed development;
- Upgrading of existing site entrance at the local access road adjacent to the N22, Healthy and safety signage, information signage, and direction signage;
- All other associated site development works including necessary earthworks to facilitate the construction and operation of the Proposed Development;

A thirty five-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought and the subsequent decommissioning.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The design flexibility opinion issued by An Bord Pleanála (Case Reference ABP-319240-24) on 16th August 2024 accompanies this application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this site notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 21st October 2024 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902;
- The Offices of Cork County Council, Planning Department, Carrigrohane Road, Cork, T12 R2NC;
- The Offices of Kerry County Council, Planning Department, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 H7VT.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://cummeennabuddogeplanning.ie>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie during the above mentioned period of seven weeks relating to (i) the implications of the Proposed Development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the Proposed Development, if carried out, and (iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of 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 9th December 2024**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information: (i) 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 to the application should be sent, (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, considerations 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. (For further details please see ‘A Guide to Public participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the Proposed Development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the Proposed Development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the Proposed Development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission.

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 Rules 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 under the heading “Information on cases / Weekly lists” – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed: JACK GRAHAM

