



An
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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:	Energia Renewables ROI Limited
Address:	The Generali Building Blanchardstown Retail Park Blanchardstown Dublin 15 D15 YT2H
Telephone No:	01 869 2000
Email Address (if any):	c/o Agent

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	Garrett Donnellan Peter Bailie Conor Keane Louise Patterson Brendan McGarr
Registered Address (of company)	The Generali Building Blanchardstown Retail Park Blanchardstown Dublin 15 D15 YT2H
Company Registration No.	510556
Telephone No.	01 869 2000
Email Address (if any)	c/o Agent

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

Name:	Galetech Energy Services
Address:	Clondargan Stradone Co. Cavan
Telephone No.	049 555 5050
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	planning@galetechenergy.com

<p>Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)</p> <p>(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)</p>
<p>Yes: [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No:[<input type="checkbox"/>]</p>

<p>Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:</p> <p>Tony Gallagher Ashtown Gate Navan Road Dublin 15</p> <p>Phone Number: 01 869 2000</p>

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Eliara Ferreira
Firm / Company:	Galetech Energy Services
Address:	Clondargan Stradone Co. Cavan
Telephone No:	049 555 5050
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	planning@galetechenergy.com
<p>Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted.</p> <p>Please refer to Annex 1 of this Application Form</p>	

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	Moyvannan, Feamore, Lisbaun, Carrownolan, Carrowncloghan, Carrowkeeney, Ardmullan, Curraghboy, Gortnasythe, Derryglad, Eskerbaun, and Brideswell, Co Roscommon	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	OS Sheet Numbers 2894, 2895, 2963 and 2964	
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	20.27 ha	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	The proposed development site is not zoned for any particular land use in the <i>Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028</i> .	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	<p>The site of the proposed electricity substation is currently used for pastoral agricultural practices. The route of the underground electricity line almost exclusively follows the public road network.</p> <p>The footprint of the electricity substation will be removed from agricultural production but existing agricultural practices will continue within the remainder of the site. The electricity line will be placed below ground and will not affect the use of public roads.</p>	
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Roscommon 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<p>The Applicant has an agreement in place with the relevant private landowner.</p> <p>The Applicant, as a statutory undertaker, has sufficient interest in the public road corridor for the provision of services associated with the proposed development.</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>		
<p>Sean Dolan Coroclough Kiltoom Athlone County Roscommon</p>		
<p>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>		
<p>No. Applicant has an agreement in place related to the lands the subject of this proposed development.</p>		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
<p>Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?</p> <p>Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent: No recorded recurring or historic flooding</p> <p>Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?</p> <p>Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p> <p>Agricultural activities and public road network</p>

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" 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
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.		
Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?		
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
If yes please specify		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: <u>N/A</u>		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The proposed development will comprise a 10-year permission for the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electricity substation, including a single-storey control building (with a Gross Floor Area of 450 square metres) and all associated electrical equipment and services within a 2.6 metre high fenced compound (with a total footprint of approximately 8,500 square metres); Replacement of 1 no. existing wooden pole-set with 2 no. lattice-type interface masts, each of which will be between 15 and 18 metres in height, to facilitate connection of the 110kV underground electricity lines to the existing Athlone-Lanesborough 110kV overhead electricity transmission line; Approximately 270 metres of 110kV underground electricity line between the electricity substation and the interface masts; Approximately 630 metres of access tracks with associated upgrade works to an existing agricultural entrance from the L7551 local road; Approximately 7.5 kilometres of 110kV underground electricity line between the electricity substation and the junction of the L7636 local road and R363 regional road where the electricity line will connect to electricity cables permitted as part of the Seven Hills Wind Farm (An Bord Pleanála Reference ABP-313750-22). The electricity line will be placed within private lands and within the carriageway of the L7551, L7556, L2018, L7731, R362, L2023, and L7636; and, All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works and the provision of site drainage infrastructure and surface water protection measures. <p>An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development 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
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	450m 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: N/A	Proposed: N/A			Total: N/A	

13. Social Housing:

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)
The site of the proposed electricity substation is currently used for pastoral agricultural practices. The route of the underground electricity line predominately follows the public road network.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
The footprint of the electricity substation will be removed from agricultural production but existing agricultural practices will continue within the remainder of the site. The electricity line will be placed below ground and will not affect the use of public roads.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The footprint of the proposed electricity substation will extend to an area of 0.84 hectares; while the proposed electricity line will be located underground.

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: ☐ New Connection: ☐

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

Other (please specify):

During construction, potable water (for drinking, food preparation, and hand washing etc.) will be supplied by water dispensers and this will also be sourced and maintained by a licensed supplier.

During operations, the electricity substation is proposed to be served by Uisce Éireann to whom a connection application will be made in due course. Uisce Éireann have advised that a connection is feasible and that sufficient capacity is available.

Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):

N/A

Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:

Existing: ☐ New: ☒

Public Sewer: ☐ Conventional septic tank system: ☐

Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify:

During construction, temporary chemical toilets (portaloo's) will be provided which will be serviced and maintained by a local supplier. Wastewater will be removed from site by a licensed waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant.

During operations, wastewater from the control building will be discharged to a sealed sub-surface foul holding-tank. The tank will be regularly maintained by a licensed waste collector, with waste material being removed to a licensed wastewater treatment plant.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain: ☐ Soakpit: ☐

Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☒ Please specify:

Proposed surface water drainage system will discharge to ground. All surface water will be fully treated to ensure no deleterious matter is discharged to local surface water features.

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Irish Independent: Publication Date 05 November 2024 Roscommon Herald: Publication Date 05 November 2024 Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of site notice, if any, location and date of erection
The location of the site notices are illustrated in the accompanying planning application drawings. Date of Erection of Site Notice: 12 November 2024 Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All planning application and associated documentation is available to view and the dedicated website:- www.moyvannansubstation.ie

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: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Please refer to Annex 2 of this Application Form 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Please refer to Annex 3 to this Application Form

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

Please find enclosed a copy of the relevant EIA Portal Confirmation Notice – Portal ID Number 2024178

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000

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)

Galetech Energy Services

Date:

12 November 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.

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Annex 2 – Schedule of Pre-Application Consultations

An Bord Pleanála

The proposed development was the subject of mandatory Pre-application Consultation with An Bord Pleanála (Reference [ABP-319042-24](#)). As prescribed by legislation, the purpose of the Pre-application Consultation was twofold. Firstly, to determine whether the proposed development constituted SID; and if so, secondly, to give advice to the Applicant on the procedures involved in making such an application and what considerations, related to proper planning and sustainable development or the likely significant environmental effects, in the opinion of An Bord Pleanála, may have a bearing decision in relation to any subsequent SID planning application.

A meeting was held between the Applicant and An Bord Pleanála on 8 April 2024. During this meeting, the design evolution of the proposed development was described in detail; including the site selection process, environmental scoping and constraints analysis, and details of stakeholder consultation; while advice was given to the Applicant on key factors which would be relevant as part of the EIAR for any subsequent SID planning application including:-

- Relationship of the proposed development with the permitted Seven Hills Wind Farm;
- Ecological effects, including potential effects on designated sites;
- Construction methodologies and appropriate management of traffic and maintenance of public roads; and,
- Cumulative effects with other developments.

In issuing its determination that the proposed development constitutes SID, An Bord Pleanála advised the Applicant in relation to the planning application procedures and also provided a list of prescribed bodies which were considered relevant and to be consulted with in relation to the proposed development. Each of these prescribed bodies have been notified by the Applicant in relation to the planning application for the proposed development.

Roscommon County Council

An Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request was issued to Roscommon County Council on 1 March 2024 and included a *Preliminary Scoping Report* in order to provide sufficient information on the proposed development and its possible likely significant environmental effects. A response was not received from the Planning Authority.

A consultation meeting with representatives of the Roscommon County Council Roads Department and Athlone Municipal District Office was held on 28 June 2024. During the meeting, the proposed development was described in detail followed by an open discussion on various matters including *inter alia* the design features of the proposed development to ensure the protection of the public road network and measures to ensure the appropriate management of traffic during the construction phase. The representatives of Roscommon County Council provided recommendations regarding interactions with watercourse bridging structures, culverts and road reinstatement requirements.

Subsequently, a consultation meeting with the Planning Authority (attended by representatives of the Planning Department, Environment Department and Athlone Municipal District Office) was held (online) on 11 October 2024. During the meeting

the proposed development was described in detail followed by a discussion on matters to be addressed in the SID planning application and EIAR including, *inter alia*, biodiversity, land & soil, water, landscape, cultural heritage, noise, and transport & traffic.

Annex 3 – Schedule of Prescribed Bodies

Each of the following prescribed bodies have been notified of the planning application for the proposed development:-

- An Chomhairle Ealaíon;
- An Taisce;
- Department of Defence;
- Environmental Protection Agency;
- Fáilte Ireland;
- Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- Irish Aviation Authority;
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine;
- Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications¹;
- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage;
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media²;
- Minister for Transport³;
- Roscommon County Council;
- Office of Public Works;
- The Heritage Council;
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland; and,
- Uisce Éireann (Irish Water).

A copy of each notification letter is provided within the planning application pack.

¹ Identified as the 'Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment' in the Board's SID Determination.

² Identified, separately, as the 'Minister for Culture, Heritage and Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)' and the 'Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport' in the Board's SID Determination.

³ Identified as the 'Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport' in the Board's SID Determination.