



APPLICATION FORM

APPENDIX 3

SITE & NEWSPAPER NOTICES

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

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County Galway and County Clare

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The proposed onshore development is located in County Clare in the townlands of Killard, Doonmore, Carrowmore South, Tullaher, Einagh, Moanmore North, Moanmore Upper, Moanmore South, Moanmore Lower, Carnaun, Durha, Ballykett, Parknamoney, Kilcarroll, Feagarroge, Dysert, Clooneylissaun, Ballymacrinan, Carrowdotia North and Carrowdotia South.

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Offshore Development:

- I. 30 no. offshore Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) with gravity based fixed-bottom foundations with the following details:
 - Tip height of 324.9m above Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT),
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- III. A network of inter-array electrical and communication cables, of approximately 73 km in length, connecting the 30 WTGs to the OSS;
- IV. A 220kV offshore export cable complete with communication lines, of approximately 63.5 km in length, laid in and on the seabed from the OSS to landfall in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare;
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- III. 220kV onshore grid connection and communication cables laid underground, primarily in the public road corridor with small sections in third party lands, for approximately 3 km between the new 220kV OCC in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare and the existing Moneypoint 220kV substation in the townland of Carrowdotia South, Co. Clare;
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 - Eirgrid 220kV GIS Building (49m x 18.5m, with a total height of 16.7m above Finished Floor Level (FFL));
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 - Upgrade of existing entrance onto the L-6150 including the removal of a small portion of existing stone wall and hedgerow;
 - All associated electrical and communications plant and equipment, welfare facilities, 3 no. foul water holding tanks, 3 no. bored wells, 3 no. attenuation tanks, access roads, car parking, security fencing and gates, rail and post fencing, telecommunications pole, lightning masts, signage, safety bollards, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and all other ancillary works and associated site development works;
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A 10-year development permission and a 38-year operational life of the proposed development from the date of commissioning of the proposed development is sought.

The application relates to a development which comprises an activity requiring a Dumping at Sea licence.

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

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Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its discretion hold an oral hearing on the application.

The Board may in respect of an application made under section 291 for development permission decide to –

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Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Marine Area Planning Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

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Signed:  (Colm Ryan, Planning Director, of MKO, Tuam Road, Galway (Agent))

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An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú) Fógra maidir le hIarratas Pleanála Díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála i dtaca le Tionscadal Fuinnimh Gaoithe Amach ón gCústa Contae na Gaillimhe agus Contae an Chláir

De réir Alt 291 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú), tugann Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta fógra don Bhord Pleanála go bhfuil sé beartaithe aige iarratas a dhéanamh ar chad forbartha ar feadh tréimhse 10 mbliana i ndáil leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe seo a leanas, ar a dtugtar Feirm Ghaoithe Amach ón gCústa Carraigeacha Sceirde. Is éard atá i gceist leis an bhforbairt atá beartaithe forbairt amach ón gcústa agus forbairt ar tír agus beidh saolré oibríochtúil 38 mbliana aici.

Tá an fhorbairt amach ón gcústa atá beartaithe suite sa limistéar muirí, san Aigéan Atlantach, amach ó chósta Chontae na Gaillimhe agus Chontae an Chláir. Beidh Limistéar na nEagar Amach ón gCústa, ina bhfuil na Gineadóirí Tuirbíní Gaoithe agus an Fostáisiún Amach ón gCústa, suite c. 5-11.5 km ón talamh, agus is é Carna, Contae na Gaillimhe, an lonnafocht is gaire. Taistealaíonn an cábla easpórtála eisceachta ar an taobh theas de láithreán na n-eagar amach ón gcústa, ag dul siar ó Oileáin Árann roimh leanúint ar aghaidh soir ó dheas agus ag teacht i dtír i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir. Tá an fhorbairt ar tír atá beartaithe suite i gContae an Chláir sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas: Cill Ard, an Dún Mór, an Cheathrú Mhór Theas, Tulaigh Thoir, an Aonach, an Mhóin Mhór Thuaidh, an Mhóin Mhór Uachtarach, an Mhóin Mhór Theas, an Mhóin Mhór Iochtarach, an Carnán, Durha, Ballykett, Páirc na Muine, Cill Cearbhaill, Feagarroge, An Díséart, Cluain Uí Ghliasaín, Baile Mhic Dhroighneáin, an Cheathrú Dhóite Thuaidh agus an Cheathrú Dhóite Theas.

Is éard a bheidh san fhorbairt bheartaithe na nithe seo a leanas a fhoirniú, a oibriú agus a dhíchoimisiúint:

Forbairt Amach ón gCústa:

- I. 30 Gineadóir Tuirbíní Gaoithe amach ón gcústa (WTG's) domhantarraingt-bhunaithe greamaithe ag an mbun agus na sonraí seo a leanas acu:
 - Tá airde an bhairr 324.9 m os cionn na Taoide Réalteolaíche is Isle (LAT) acu,
 - Tá trastomhas rótar 292 m acu;
 - Airde an mhoil 178.9 m os cionn LAT;
- II. Fostáisiún 220 kV amach ón gcústa (OSS) 55 m ar airde os cionn LAT (lena n-áirítear crann craenach agus cumarsáide) domhantarraingt-bhunaithe greamaithe ag an mbun. Is éard atá in OSS ardán fostáisiún leictrigh amach ón gcústa ina bhfuil deiceanna iomadúla a fhréastalaíonn ar ghléasra agus trealamh leictreach agus cumarsáide, comhphárteanna coimhdeacha agus saoráidí leasa;
- III. Líonra cáblaí idir-eagar leictreacha agus cumarsáide, atá thart ar 73 km ar fad, a nascann na 30 WTG leis an OSS;
- IV. Cábla easpórtála 220 kV amach ón gcústa ina bhfuil línte cumarsáide, atá thart ar 63.5 km ar fad, leagtha isteach agus é ar ghrinneall na farraige ón OSS chuig an suíomh radhaire ar tír i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir;
- V. Ullmhú ghrinneall na farraige le haghaidh WTG, OSS agus suiteáil cábla lena n-áirítear suiteáil carraige, dreidireacht agus díúsairt;
- VI. Cosaint cábla lena n-áirítear trinséil agus adhlacadh, beirmeacha carraige, agus tochta coicréite.

Forbairt ar Tír:

- I. Alt Aistriú na nBhí faoi thalamh (TJB) ag an bpointe radhaire talún i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir a cheanglaíonn an cábla easpórtála amach ón gcústa le cábla ceangail na heangaf ar tír. Is éard atá sa TJB seomra coicréite faoi thalamh (20 m x 5 m ar leithead, le doimhneacht 2.5 m), áit a mbeidh an cábla onmhairiúcháin amach ón gcústa atá beartaithe ceangailte le cábla ceangail na heangaf ar tír;
- II. Cáblaí ceangail eangaf agus cumarsáide 220 kV ar tír atá leagtha faoi thalamh, go príomha i gconair an bhóthair phoiblí le codanna beaga i dtailte tríú páirtí, ar feadh thart ar 19.3 km idir an TJB i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir agus an Compún Cúitímh ar Tír nua 220 kV (OCC) i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin, Co. an Chláir;
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- IV. 43 alt bá ina bhfuil seomraí cumarsáide agus seomraí bosca naisc feadh an bhealaigh ceangail eangaf ar tír idir an TJB i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir agus fostáisiún 220 kV Ghob na Muine atá ann faoi láthair i mbaile fearainn na Ceathrú Dhóite Theas, Co. an Chláir;
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- VI. 3 chompún tógála shealadacha feadh bhealach an chábala ceangail eangaf ar tír:
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 - 1 chompún tógála sealadach ag Club Gailf Chill Rois i mbaile fearainn Páirc na Muine, Co. an Chláir;
 - 1 chompún tógála sealadach ag an OCC 220 kV nua i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin, Co. an Chláir;
- VII. An bóthar nó an dromchla cosáin os cionn an trinsé cábla eangaf ar tír atá beartaithe a athbhunú feadh na mbóithre agus na cosáin atá ann cheana;
- VIII. Cosáin rochtana nua agus uasghráidithe os cionn an trinsé cábla eangaf ar tír atá beartaithe i dtailte tríú páirtí;
- IX. Bealaí isteach sealadacha ó bhóithre poiblí chun tógáil cheangail na heangaf ar tír a éascú le haghaidh na céime tógála amháin;
- X. 3 bhá passála a sholáthar agus an bóthar L-6150 a leathnú i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin chun seachadadh ualaí neamhghnácha a éascú chun an OCC beartaithe a thógáil;
- XI. Gach obair a bhaineann le bainistiú caitheadh;
- XII. Oibreacha láithreáin gaolmhar agus forbairt choimhdeach os cionn na talún agus faoina bun lena n-áirítear tírdhreachú crua agus bog, feabhsú gnáthóige agus bonneagar draenála.

Is éard atáthar a lorg cad forbartha 10 mbliana agus saolré oibríochtúil 38 mbliana den fhorbairt bheartaithe ó dháta coimisiúnaithe na forbartha beartaithe.

Baineann an t-iarratas le forbairt a chuimsíonn gníomhaíocht a dteastaíonn ceadúnas Dumpála ar Farraige ina leith.

Ullmhádh Tuarascáil Measúnaithe Tionchair Timpeallachta (EIAR) agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) i ndáil leis an tionscadal agus gabhann siad leis an iarratas pleanála seo.

Féadfar an t-iarratas pleanála, EIAR agus NIS a iniúchadh saor in aisce nó a cheannach ach táille shonraithe a foc (nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann le cóip den sórt sin a dhéanamh) le linn uaireanta oscailte poiblí ar feadh tréimhse ocht seachtaine dar tús an 27 Eanáir 2025 ag na suíomh seo a leanas:

- Oifig an Bhoird Pleanála, 64 Sráid Maoilbhride, Baile Átha Cliath 1.
- Oifig Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh.
- Oifig Chomhairle Contae an Chláir, Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir.

Is féidir an t-iarratas a fheiceáil/a íoslódáil ar an suíomh gréasáin seo a leanas freisin: www.sceirderockswindfarmplanning.ie Ní féidir aighneacht nó barúlacha a dhéanamh ach amháin chuig an mBord Pleanála ("an Bord") 64 Sráid Maoilbhride, Baile Átha Cliath 1 i scríbhinn nó ar líne (faoi réir thoilí an Bhoird) ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie le linn na tréimhse ocht seachtaine thuasluaite a bhaineann le:

- (i) Impleachtaí na forbartha beartaithe don phleanáil spásúil mhuirí,
- (ii) Impleachtaí na forbartha beartaithe don phleanáil chuí agus d'fhorbairt inchothaithe, agus
- (iii) Éifeachtaí díreacha na forbartha beartaithe ar an gcomhshaoil nó ar aon láithreán Eorpach, má dhéantar í.

Ní mór táille €50 (seachas i gcás comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe) a bheith ag gabháil le haon aighneacht/tuairim agus ní mór don Bhord iad a fháil tráth nach déanfaí ná 5.30i.n. ar an 24 Márta 2025.

Ní mór an fhaisnéis seo a leanas a bheith san áireamh in aighneacht/barúlacha den sórt sin freisin:

- Ainm an duine a bheidh ag déanamh na haighneachta nó ag breathnú uirthi, ainm an duine a bheidh ag gníomhú thar a cheann nó thar a ceann, más ann dó, agus an seoladh ar cheart aon chomhfhreagras a bhaineann leis an iarratas a chur chuige,
- Ábhar na haighneachta nó na tuairime, agus
- Na cúiseanna, an breithniú agus na hargóintí ar a bhfuil an aighneacht nó an tuairim bunaithe go hiomlán (Airteagal 5 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Forbairt Mhuirí) 2023)

Ní féidir leis an mBord aon aighneacht nó tuairim nach gcomhlíonann na ríochtaí thuas a bhreithniú.

Féadfaidh an Bord, dá rogha féin, éisteacht ó bhéal a thionól maidir leis an iarratas.

Féadfaidh an Bord, i leith iarratais arna dhéanamh faoi alt 291 ar chad forbartha, a chinneadh –

- (a) an cead a dheonú faoi réir cibé modhnaithe (más ann), ar an bhforbairt bheartaithe a shonróidh sé, nó
 - (b) an cead a dheonú i leith cuid den fhorbairt bheartaithe lena mbaineann faoi réir cibé modhnuithe (más ann) ar an gcuid sin a shonróidh sé,
- nó
- (c) diúltú cead a thabhairt.

Féadfaidh an Bord cibé coinníollacha is cuí leis a chur ag gabháil le deonú cead forbartha faoi alt 291.

Ba chóir aon fhiosrúcháin maidir leis an bpróiseas iarratais a chur chuig an Rannóg Pleanála Limistéar Muirí den Bhord Pleanála (Teil. 01-8588100).

Féadfaidh duine, de réir alt 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú), bailíocht aon chinnidh den sórt sin ag an mBord a cheistiú ach iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithniúach, faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú).

Is féidir teacht ar fhaisnéis phraicticiúil faoin sásra athbhreithnithe breithniúach faoin gceannteideal Foilseacháin — Fógra maidir le hAthbhreithniú Breithniúach ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie nó ar shuíomh gréasáin na Seirbhíse um Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh www.citizensinformation.ie

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
in Respect of an Offshore Wind Energy Project

COUNTY GALWAY AND COUNTY CLARE

In accordance with Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta gives notice of its intention to make an application for development permission to An Bord Pleanála for a period of 10 years in relation to the following proposed development, known as the Sceirde Rocks Offshore Wind Farm. The proposed development is comprised of both offshore and onshore development and will have an operational life of 38 years.

The proposed offshore development is located in the maritime area, in the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of County Galway and County Clare. The Offshore Array Area, which includes the Wind Turbine Generators and the Offshore Substation, will be located c. 5 – 11.5km from land, with Carna, County Galway being the nearest settlement. The offshore export cable travels in a southerly direction from the offshore array site, passing to the west of the Aran Islands before continuing in a south easterly direction to land fall in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare.

The proposed onshore development is located in County Clare in the townlands of Killard, Doonmore, Carrowmore South, Tullaher, Einagh, Moanmore North, Moanmore Upper, Moanmore South, Moanmore Lower, Carnaun, Durha, Ballykett, Parknamoney, Kilcarroll, Feagarroge, Dysert, Clooneylissaun, Ballymacrinan, Carrowdotia North and Carrowdotia South.

The proposed development will consist of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the following:

OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT:

- I. 30 no. offshore Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) with gravity based fixed-bottom foundations with the following details:
 - Tip height of 324.9m above Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT);
 - Rotor diameter of 292m;
 - Hub height of 178.9m above LAT;
- II. 1 no. 220kV offshore substation (OSS) of 55 m in height above LAT (including crane and communications mast) with a gravity based fixed bottom foundation. The OSS consists of an offshore electrical substation platform with multiple decks accommodating the electrical and communications plant and equipment, ancillary components and welfare facilities;
- III. A network of inter-array electrical and communication cables, of approximately 73 km in length, connecting the 30 WTGs to the OSS;
- IV. A 220kV offshore export cable complete with communication lines, of approximately 63.5 km in length, laid in and on the seabed from the OSS to landfall in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare;
- V. Seabed preparation for WTG, OSS and cable installation including rock placement, dredging and disposal;
- VI. Cable protection including trenching and burial, rock berms, and concrete mattresses.

ONSHORE DEVELOPMENT:

- I. An underground Transition Joint Bay (TJB) at the landfall point in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare connecting the offshore export cable to the onshore grid connection cable. The TJB consists of an underground concrete chamber (20m x 5m wide, with a depth of 2.5m), where the proposed offshore export cable will be connected to the onshore grid connection cable;
- II. 220kV onshore grid connection and communications cables laid underground, primarily in the public road corridor with small sections in third party lands, for approximately 19.3 km between the TJB in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare and the new 220kV Onshore Compensation Compound (OCC) in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare;
- III. 220kV onshore grid connection and communication cables laid underground, primarily in the public road corridor with small sections in third party lands, for approximately 3 km between the new 220kV OCC in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare and the existing Moneypoint 220kV substation in the townland of Carrowdotia South, Co. Clare;
- IV. 43 no. joint bays complete with communication chambers and link box chambers along the onshore grid connection route between the TJB in the townland of Killard, Co. Clare to the existing 220kV Moneypoint substation in the townland of Carrowdotia South, Co. Clare;
- V. A 220kV Onshore Compensation Compound located in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare. The 220kV onshore compensation compound consists of:
 - Eirgrid 220kV GIS Building (49m x 18.5m, with a total height of 16.7m above Finished Floor Level (FFL));
 - ESB 220kV GIS Building (49m x 18.5m, with a total height of 16.7m above FFL);
 - Customer SCADA and MV power building (18.4m x 8.7m, with a total height of 6.15m above FFL);
 - Statcom building (30.5m x 22m, with a total height of 7.59m above FFL);
 - Upgrade of existing entrance onto the L-6150 including the removal of a small portion of existing stone wall and hedgerow;
 - All associated electrical and communications plant and equipment, welfare facilities, 3 no. foul water holding tanks, 3 no. bored wells, 3 no. attenuation tanks, access roads, car parking, security fencing and gates, rail and post fencing, telecommunications pole, lightning masts, signage, safety bollards, landscaping, drainage infrastructure and all other ancillary works and associated site development works;
- VI. 3 no. temporary construction compounds along the onshore grid connection cable route:
 - 1 no. temporary construction compound at the landfall point in the townland of Killard Co. Clare;
 - 1 no. temporary construction compound at the Kilrush Golf Club in the townland of Parknamoney, Co. Clare;
 - 1 no. temporary construction compound at the new 220kV OCC in the townland of Ballymacrinan, Co. Clare;

- VII. Reinstatement of the road or track surface above the proposed onshore grid connection cable trench along existing roads and tracks;
- VIII. New and upgraded access tracks above the proposed onshore grid connection cable trench in third party lands;
- IX. Temporary entrances from public roads to facilitate construction of the onshore grid connection for construction phase only;
- X. Provision of 3 no. passing bays and the widening of the L-6150 road in the townland of Ballymacrinan to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads for the construction of the proposed OCC;
- XI. All works associated with spoil management;
- XII. All associated site works and ancillary development above and below ground including hard and soft landscaping, habitat enhancement and drainage infrastructure.

A 10-year development permission and a 38-year operational life of the proposed development from the date of commissioning of the proposed development is sought.

The application relates to a development which comprises an activity requiring a Dumping at Sea licence.

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, EIAR and NIS 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 eight weeks commencing on the 27th January 2025 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.
- The Offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.sceirderockswindfarmplanning.ie

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online (subject to the Board's consent) on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of eight weeks relating to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for maritime spatial planning,
- (ii) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- (iii) The likely effects on the environment or any European site of the proposed development, 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 24th March 2025.

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 to 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 5 of the Planning and Development (Maritime Development) Regulations 2023 refers)

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its discretion hold an oral hearing on the application.

The Board may in respect of an application made under section 291 for development permission decide to –

- (a) grant the permission subject to such modification (if any), to the proposed development as it may specify, or
- (b) grant the permission in respect of part of the proposed development concerned subject to such modifications (if any) to that part as it may specify, or
- (c) Refuse to grant the permission.

The Board may attach such conditions as it considers appropriate to a grant of development permission under section 291.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Marine Area Planning Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may, in accordance with section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended), question the validity of any such decision by 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).

Practical information on the judicial review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

An tAcht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú)

Fógra maidir le hIarratas Pleanála Díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála
i dtaca le Tionscadal Fuinnimh Gaoithe Amach ón gCósta

CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE AGUS CONTAE AN CHLÁIR

De réir Alt 291 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (arna leasú), tugann Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta fógra don Bhord Pleanála go bhfuil sé beartaithe aige iarratas a dhéanamh ar chead forbartha ar feadh tréimhse 10 mbliana i ndáil leis an bhforbairt bheartaithe seo a leanas, ar a dtugtar Feirm Ghaoithe Amach ón gCósta Carraigeacha Sceirde. Is éard atá i gceist leis an bhforbairt atá beartaithe forbairt amach ón gcósta agus forbairt ar tír agus beidh saolré oibríochtúil 38 mbliana aici.

Tá an fhorbairt amach ón gcósta atá beartaithe suite sa limistéar muirí, san Aigéan Atlantach, amach ó chósta Chontae na Gaillimhe agus Chontae an Chláir. Beidh Limistéar na nEagar Amach ón gCósta, ina bhfuil na Gineadóirí Turbíní Gaoithe agus an Fostáisiún Amach ón gCósta, suite c. 5-11.5 km ón talamh, agus is é Carna, Contae na Gaillimhe, an lonnaíocht is gaire. Taistealaíonn an cábla easpórtála eischósta ar an taobh theas de láithreán na n-eagar amach ón gcósta, ag dul siar ó Oileáin Árann roimh leanúint ar aghaidh chuig ó dheas agus ag teacht i dtír i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir.

Tá an fhorbairt ar tír atá beartaithe suite i gContae an Chláir sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas: Cill Ard, an Dún Mór, an Cheathrú Mhór Theas, Tulaigh Thoir, an tAonach, an Mhóin Mhór Thuaidh, an Mhóin Mhór Uachtarach, an Mhóin Mhór Theas, an Mhóin Mhór Íochtarach, an Carnán, Durha, Ballykett, Páirc na Muine, Cill Cearbhaill, Feagarroge, An Díseart, Cluain Uí Ghliasaín, Baile Mhic Dhroighneáin, an Cheathrú Dhóite Thuaidh agus an Cheathrú Dhóite Theas.

Is éard a bheidh san fhorbairt bheartaithe na nithe seo a leanas a fhoirgníú, a oibriú agus a dhíchoimisiúint:

FORBAIRT AMACH ÓN GCÓSTA:

- I. 30 Gineadóir Turbíní Gaoithe amach ón gcósta (WTG's) domhantarraingt-bhunaithe greamaithe ag an mbun agus na sonraí seo a leanas acu:
 - Tá airde an bhairr 324.9 m os cionn na Taoide Réalteolaíche is Ísle (LAT) acu,
 - Tá trastomhas rótaír 292 m acu;
 - Airde an mhoil 178.9 m os cionn LAT;
- II. Fostáisiún 220 kV amach ón gcósta (OSS) 55 m ar airde os cionn LAT (lena n-áirítear crann craenach agus cumarsáide) domhantarraingt-bhunaithe greamaithe ag an mbun. Is éard atá in OSS ardán fostáisiúin leictreach amach ón gcósta ina bhfuil deiceanna iomadúla a fhreastalaíonn ar ghléasra agus trealamh leictreach agus cumarsáide, comhpháirteanna coimhdeacha agus saoráidí leasa;
- III. Líonra cáblaí idir-eagair leictreacha agus cumarsáide, atá thart ar 73 km ar fad, a nascann na 30 WTG leis an OSS;
- IV. Cábla easpórtála 220 kV amach ón gcósta ina bhfuil línte cumarsáide, atá thart ar 63.5 km ar fad, leagtha isteach agus é ar ghrinneall na farraige ón OSS chuig an súfómh radhairc ar tír i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir;
- V. Ullmhú ghrinneall na farraige le haghaidh WTG, OSS agus suiteáil cábla lena n-áirítear suiteáil carraige, dreidireacht agus diúscairt;
- VI. Cosaint cábla lena n-áirítear trinseáil agus adhlacadh, beirmeacha carraige, agus tochta coincreíte.

FORBAIRT AR TÍR:

- I. Alt Aistriúcháin an Bhá faoi thalamh (TJB) ag an bpointe radhairc talún i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir a cheanglaíonn an cábla easpórtála amach ón gcósta le cábla ceangail na heangaí ar tír. Is éard atá sa TJB seomra coincreíte faoi thalamh (20 m x 5 m ar leithead, le doimhneacht 2.5 m), áit a mbeidh an cábla onnmhairiúcháin amach ón gcósta atá beartaithe ceangailte le cábla ceangail na heangaí ar tír;
- II. Cáblaí ceangail eangaí agus cumarsáide 220 kV ar tír atá leagtha faoi thalamh, go príomha i gconair an bhóthair phoiblí le codanna beaga i dtailte tríú páirtí, ar feadh thart ar 19.3 km idir an TJB i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir agus an Compún Cúitimh ar Tír nua 220 kV (OCC) i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin, Co. an Chláir;
- III. Cáblaí ceangail eangaí agus cumarsáide 220 kV ar tír atá leagtha faoi thalamh, go príomha i gconair an bhóthair phoiblí le codanna beaga i dtailte tríú páirtí, ar feadh thart ar 3 km idir an OCC 220 kV nua i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin, Co. an Chláir agus fostáisiún Ghob na Muine 220 kV atá ann cheana i mbaile fearainn na Ceathrú Dhóite Theas, Co. an Chláir;
- IV. 43 alt bá ina bhfuil seomraí cumarsáide agus seomraí bosca naisc feadh an bhealaigh ceangail eangaí ar tír idir an TJB i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir agus fostáisiún 220 kV Ghob na Muine atá ann faoi láthair i mbaile fearainn na Ceathrú Dhóite Theas, Co. an Chláir;
- V. Compún Cúitimh 220 kV ar Tír atá suite i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin, Co. an Chláir. Is éard atá sa chompún cúitimh 220 kV ar tír:
 - Foirgneamh GIS 220 kV Eirgrid (49 m x 18.5 m, airde iomlán 16.7 m os cionn Leibhéal Urláir Críochnaithe (FFL) aige);
 - Foirgneamh GIS 220 kV ESB (49 m x 18.5 m, airde iomlán 16.7 m os cionn FFL aige);
 - Foirgneamh cumhachta SCADA agus MV lē haghaidh Custaiméirí (18.4 m x 8.7 m, airde iomlán 6.15 m os cionn FFL aige);
 - Foirgneamh Statcom (30.5 m x 22 m, airde iomlán 7.59 m os cionn FFL aige);
 - Uasghrádú ar an mbealach-isteach atá ann cheana chuig an L-6150 lena n-áirítear cuid bheag den bhalla cloiche agus den fhálta seach atá ann cheana a bhaint;
 - Gach gléasra agus trealamh leictreach agus cumarsáide gaolmhar, áiseanna leasa, 3 umar coinneála uisce bhréin, 3 umar tollta, 3 umar maolúcháin, bóithre rochtana, páirceáil carr, fálú slándála agus geataí, iarnród agus iarfháil, cuaille teileachumarsáide, crainn tintrí, comharthaíocht, mullaird sábháilteachta, tírdhreachú, bonneagar draenála agus gach obair choimhdeach eile agus oibreacha forbartha láithreáin gaolmhara;
- VI. 3 chompún tógála shealadacha feadh bhealach an chábla ceangail eangaí ar tír:
 - 1 chompún tógála shealadacha ag an bpointe radhairc talún i mbaile fearainn Chill Ard, Co. an Chláir;

- 1 chompún tógála sealadach ag Club Gailf Chill Rois i mbaile fearainn Páirc na Muine, Co. an Chláir;
 - 1 chompún tógála sealadach ag an OCC 220 kV nua i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin, Co. an Chláir;
- VII. An bóthar nó an dromchla cosáin os cionn an trinse cábla eangaí ar tír atá beartaithe a athbhunú feadh na mbóithre agus na gcosán atá ann cheana;
 - VIII. Cosáin rochtana nua agus uasghrádú os cionn an trinse cábla eangaí ar tír atá beartaithe i dtailte tríú páirtí;
 - IX. Bealaí isteach sealadacha ó bhóithre poiblí chun tógáil cheangal na heangaí ar tír a éascú le haghaidh na céime tógála amháin;
 - X. 3 bhá passála a sholáthar agus an bóthar L-6150 a leathnú i mbaile fearainn Bhaile Mhic Dhroighneáin chun seachadadh ualái neamhghnácha a éascú chun an OCC beartaithe a thógáil;
 - XI. Gach obair a bhaineann le bainistiú cartaidh;
 - XII. Oibreacha láithreáin gaolmhara agus forbairt choimhdeach os cionn na talún agus faoina bun lena n-áirítear tírdhreachú crua agus bog, feabhsú gnáthóige agus bonneagar draenála.

Is éard atáthar a lorg cead forbartha 10 mbliana agus saolré oibríochtúil 38 mbliana den fhorbairt bheartaithe ó dháta coimisiúnaithe na forbartha beartaithe.

Baineann an t-iarratas le forbairt a chuimsíonn gníomhaíocht a dteastaíonn ceadúnas Dumpála ar Farraige ina leith.

Ullmhaíodh Tuarascáil Measúnaithe Tionchair Timpeallachta (EIAR) agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (NIS) i ndáil leis an tionscadal agus gabhann siad leis an iarratas pleanála seo.

Féadfar an t-iarratas pleanála, EIAR agus NIS a iniúchadh saor in aisce nó a cheannach ach táille shonraithe a íoc (nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann le cóip den sórt sin a dhéanamh) le linn uáireanta oscailte poiblí ar feadh tréimhse ocht seachtaine dar tús an 27 Eanáir 2025 ag na súimh seo a leanas:

- Oifigí an Bhoird Pleanála, 64 Sráid Maoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1.
- Oifigí Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimhe.
- Oifigí Chomhairle Contae an Chláir, Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir.

Is féidir an t-iarratas a fheiceáil a íoslódáil ar an suíomh gréasáin seo a leanas freisin: www.sceirderockswindfarmplanning.ie

Ní féidir aighneachtaí nó barúlacha a dhéanamh ach amháin chuig an mBord Pleanála ("an Bord") 64 Sráid Maoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 i scríbhinn nó ar líne (faoi réir thoilú an Bhoird) ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie le linn na tréimhse ocht seachtaine thuasluaite a bhaineann le:

- (i) Impleachtaí na forbartha beartaithe don phleanáil spásúil mhuirí,
- (ii) Impleachtaí na forbartha beartaithe don phleanáil chúil agus d'fhorbairt inchothaithe, agus
- (iii) Éifeachtaí díreacha na forbartha beartaithe ar an gcomhshaoil nó ar aon láithreán Eorpach, má dhéantar í.

Ní mór táille €50 (seachas í gcás comhlachtaí forordaithe áirithe) a bheith ag gabháil le haon aighneacht/tuairim agus ní mór don Bhord iad a fháil tráth nach déanaí ná 5.30i.n. ar an 24 Márta 2025.

Ní mór an fhaisnéis seo a leanas a bheith san áireamh in aighneachtaí/barúlacha den sórt sin freisin:

- Ainm an duine a bheidh ag déanamh na haighneachta nó ag breathnú uirthi, ainm an duine a bheidh ag gníomhú thar a cheann nó thar a ceann, más ann dó, agus an seoladh ar cheart aon chomhfhreagra a bhaineann leis an iarratas a chur chuige,
- Ábhar na haighneachta nó na tuairime, agus
- Na cúiseanna, an breithniú agus na hargóintí ar a bhfuil an aighneacht nó an tuairim bunaithe go hiomlán (Airteagal 5 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Forbairt Mhuirí) 2023)

Ní féidir leis an mBord aon aighneacht nó tuairim nach gcomhlíonann na riachtanais thuas a bhreithniú.

Féadfaidh an Bord, dá rogha féin, éisteacht ó bhéal a thionól maidir leis an iarratas.

Féadfaidh an Bord, i leith iarratais arna dhéanamh faoi alt 291 ar chead forbartha, a chinneadh —

- (a) an cead a dheonú faoi réir cibé modhnaithe (más ann), ar an bhforbairt bheartaithe a shonróidh sé, nó
- (b) an cead a dheonú i leith cuid den fhorbairt bheartaithe lena mbaineann faoi réir cibé modhnuithe (más ann) ar an gcuid sin a shonróidh sé, nó
- (c) díúltú go a thabhairt.

Féadfaidh an Bord cibé coinneollacha is cuí leis a chur ag gabháil le deonú cead forbartha faoi alt 291.

Ba chóir aon fhiosrúchán maidir leis an bpróiseas iarratais a chur chuig an Rannóg Pleanála Limistéar Muirí den Bhord Pleanála (Teil. 01-8588100).

Féadfaidh duine, de réir alt 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 (arna leasú), bailíocht aon chinnidh den sórt sin ag an mBord a cheistiú ach iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach, faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nUaschúrteanna (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú),

Is féidir teacht ar fhaisnéis phraiticiúil faoin sásra athbhreithnithe bhreithiúnaigh faoin gceannteideal Foilseacháin — Fógra maidir le hAthbhreithniú Breithiúnach ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie nó ar shuíomh gréasáin na Seirbhíse um Fhaisnéis do Shaoirnáigh www.citizensinformation.ie