

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 KILKENNY

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), ROWANMERE LIMITED gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a 10-year permission in relation to a proposed windfarm and ancillary works in the townlands of Byrnesgrove; Commons; Ballymartin; Ballynalacken; Ballyoskill; Loughill; Tinnalintan; Coole; Moatpark and Damerstown West, County Kilkenny. The proposed Ballynalacken Windfarm Project development will comprise the following elements:

- Twelve (12) wind turbines with a rotor diameter of 117m. Regarding hub heights, two hub heights are proposed – 84m for one of the turbines and 96.5m for all other eleven turbines, thus giving an uppermost tip height of 142.5m for one turbine and 155m for all other turbines. Also, wind turbine associated works including foundations and hardstanding areas, windfarm roads and underground cabling within the site. The wind turbines and associated works will be located in Byrnesgrove; Commons; Ballymartin; Ballynalacken; Ballyoskill and Loughill townlands.
- A Windfarm Control Building located in Ballymartin townland.
- A Windfarm Substation (110kV) and associated access road located in Tinnalintan townland (Tinnalintan Substation).
- Underground cabling (4km in length) connecting the Windfarm Control Building to the Tinnalintan Substation through Ballymartin and Tinnalintan townlands.
- Underground grid connection (2km in length) from the Tinnalintan Substation to the existing EirGrid Ballyragget Substation in Moatpark townland, through Tinnalintan, Coole and Moatpark townlands and facilitating works in the EirGrid Ballyragget Substation.
- Eleven (11) site entrances – #1 new from the R694; #2 existing from the L-58451; #3 existing to be widened from the L-5845; #4 existing to be widened and #5 new from the L-5846; #6 new and #7,#8,#9 existing entrances from the L-5840 (#7 & #9 to be widened); #10 existing from the L-5838 and #11 existing to be widened from the L-58442. All entrances will be permanent except for #5 which will be temporary.
- Ancillary works to facilitate the development including one (1) 30m meteorological mast and associated access road in Loughill townland, one (1) c.18m telecoms relay pole, felling of circa.21 hectares of commercial forestry plantation, site drainage network and sediment control systems, three (3) temporary construction compounds – two (2) in Ballymartin townland and one at Tinnalintan Substation, two (2) temporary borrow pits in Ballynalacken and Ballymartin townlands, long-term and temporary deposition areas for overburden and landscaping and reinstatement work.
- Road widening works in the vicinity of the windfarm site – temporary widening at two junctions in Ballymartin townland and permanent road widening by circa. 1 meter on the L5845, L5840 and the L5846.
- A temporary hardcore Turbine Blade Transfer area, adjacent to the Kilkenny/Castlecomer road (N78) in Damerstown West townland, to transfer turbine blades onto a specialist blade lifter trailer which will facilitate transporting the turbine blades to the site.
- A viewing/picnic area with parking for three cars; will be created on the windfarm side of Cromwell's Road in Ballynalacken townland. There will be cultural and natural heritage and windfarm information boards provided at viewing/picnic area.
- A 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning, of the proposed Ballynalacken Windfarm Project.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this planning application.

The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) 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 copy) during public opening hours for a **period of seven weeks commencing on 21st March 2025** at the following locations: The Offices of An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902; The Offices of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny R95 A39T. The Planning Application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Natura Impact Statement (Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.ballynalackenwindfarmplanning.ie. Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 D01 V902, in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks, relating to;

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development;
- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development;
- The likely significant 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 **5.30pm. on the 9th May 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, and
- the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2021 (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 see 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie)

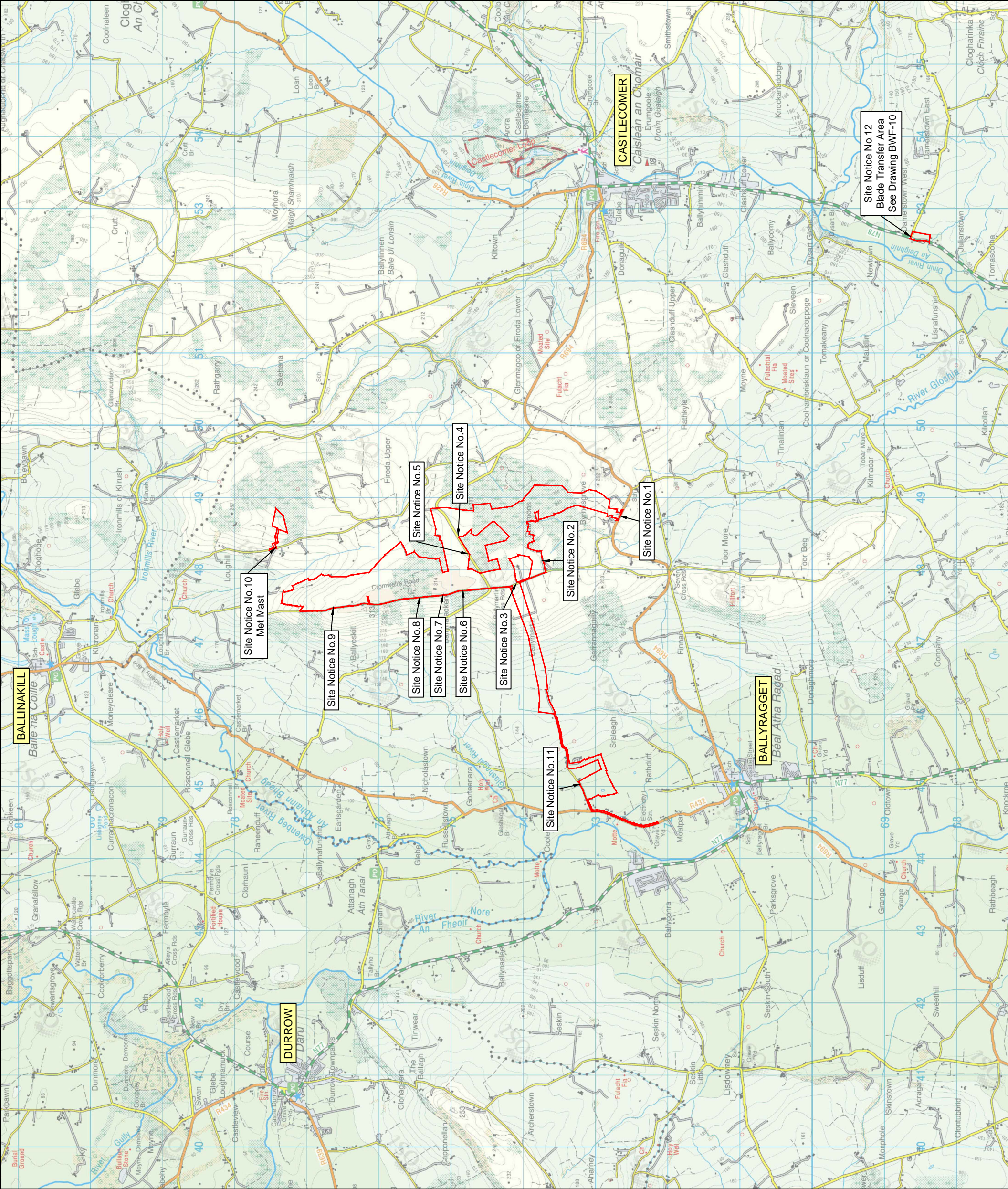
The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval, decide to:-

- Grant permission with or without conditions, or
- Grant permission with specified modifications, with or without conditions, or
- Grant permission in part, with or without conditions, or
- Refuse permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. (01) 858 8100 or Lo-call 1800 275 175)

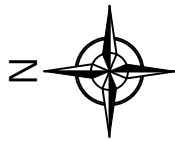
A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading 'Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notices' on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed: Pat Brett  Director, Rowanmere Limited, c/o Ecopower, Zetec House, IDA Purcellsinch Business Park, Kilkenny. R95 PX5X
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Site Boundary outlined in red



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