

An
Bord
Pleanála

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:	Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Section 37E
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Bord na Móna Powergen Limited
Address:	Main Street, Newbridge., County Kildare
Telephone No:	045-439000
Email Address (if any):	N/A

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

Name(s) of company director(s):	G Meagher, P Rowland, T Donnellan, M Rose Burke, M Slattery, S Culleton-Lowry, S Markham, P Rigney, L Conn, E Cahalin, A Cusack and C Guy.
Registered Address (of company)	Main Street, Newbridge County Kildare
Company Registration No.	218162
Telephone No.	045-439000
Email Address (if any)	N/A

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

Name:	Ian Heanue of TOBIN
Address:	Block 10-4, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15
Telephone No.	(0)1 803 0401
Mobile No. (if any)	n/a
Email address (if any)	Ian.Heanue@tobin.ie

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [x] No:[]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Julie Larkin

353 45439000

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Michael Nolan
Firm / Company:	TOBIN
Address:	Block 10-4, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15
Telephone No:	(0)1 803 0401
Mobile No:	n/a
Email Address (if any):	michael.nolan@tobin.ie

Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.

A schedule of drawings is included in **Addendum 1** of this application form. 2 no. hard copies and 8 no. electronic copies have been submitted as per the requirements of An Bord Pleanála.

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The proposed wind farm site is located within the townlands of Aghamore, Annaghbeg, Annaghmore, Ards, Ballynakill, Barnacor, Cloonbearla, Cloonbony, Cloonbrock, Cloonfiugh, Cloonfore, Cloonkeel, Cloontabeg, Cloontamore, Coolnahinch, Corlea, Corralough, Derraghan Beg, Derraghan More, Derryad, Derryaroge, Derryart, Derrygeel, Derryglogher, Derrynaskea, Derryoghil, Derryshannoge, Grillagh, Kilmakinlan, Kilnacarrow, Lyneen, Mosstown, Mount Davys, Rappareehill at Lanesborough, County Longford and within the townland of Ballypheasan, Co. Roscommon..	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	Approximate Centre Point of the site = 606861 (X), 766593 (Y) (ITM Coordinates) OS Sheet nos.: 1824, 1826, 1828, 2024, 2026 & 2028.	
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. CAD file attached with USB copy submitted with the application.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	1,900 hectares (ha)	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	The proposed development is located predominately within a preferred location for wind energy development as outlined in the Longford County Development Plan 2021 – 2027	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	<p>Existing Use: Historically used for peat extraction activities and all ancillary works. Currently in the decommissioning works under the requirements of IPC Licence P0504-01.</p> <p>Proposed Use: Renewable energy development – Proposed 22 turbine Wind Farm including a 110kV substation and a connection to the national grid.</p>	
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	<p>Longford County Council (Proposed wind farm site)</p> <p>Roscommon County Council (Proposed Turbine Delivery Route works)</p>	

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 X	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The proposed wind farm development site is under the ownership of Bord na Móna Energy Ltd. and 1 no. third party landowner who has given consent to include their lands within the application site boundary. Please see the necessary Letters of Consent from the landowners attached with Addendum 2 of this form.		
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.		
Bord na Móna Energy Ltd, Main Street, Newbridge, County Kildare JJ Ward & Sons Limited, Circular Road, Roscommon F42VY53		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes. Bord na Mona Energy Ltd. also owns lands adjacent to the proposed development as part of the Mountdillon Group of Bogs. The extent of this landholding is shown on Drawings 11399- 2000 to 11399 - 2002, included in the Planning Drawings that accompany this application.		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
<p>Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?</p> <p>Yes: [] No: [X]</p> <p>If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:</p> <p>Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?</p> <p>Yes: [X] No:[]</p> <p>If yes, please give details: Peat extraction activities and all ancillary works.</p>

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: [x] No: []		
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 or Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
Longford Co, Co. Reg. Ref. 08/623	Grant of permission for a wind monitoring mast at Derryaroge. This permission was for a period of five years.	Granted on 20/03/2009
Longford Co, Co. Reg. Ref. 14/35	Grant of permission for retention of a wind monitoring mast at Derryaroge. This refers to the same mast as permitted under 08/623. This revised permission was granted for a period of 10 years.	Granted on 06/05/2014
Longford Co, Co. Reg. Ref. 15/86	Grant of permission (dated 25/08/15) for a wind monitoring mast at Derrynaskea (Lough Bannow Bog). This permission was granted for a period of five years.	Granted on 25/08/2015
ABP Ref. PL14.PC0233	Proposed wind farm of 29 wind turbines with an output of 90MW located in various townlands in South County Longford determined Strategic Infrastructure Development.	Pre-Application Consultation Is a Strat. Infrastructure Development. Date signed 22/06/2018
Longford Co, Co. Reg. Ref. 20/183	Continued use of an existing guyed wind monitoring mast, with instruments, 100m in height for a further period of three years, the purpose of the mast is to assess the suitability of the company's adjacent lands for wind farm development, previous planning application number 15/86.	05/11/2020

Longford Co, Co. Reg. Ref. 23/108	Continued use of an existing guyed wind monitoring mast, with instruments, 100m in height for a further period of three years. The purpose of the mast is to assess the suitability of the company's adjacent lands for wind farm development. Previous planning application numbers: 15/86 and 20/183 on its lands.	09/01/2024
ABP Ref. 303592	A 10-year planning permission for the construction of a wind farm comprising 24 no. wind turbines, 1 no. 110kV substation and all related works.	Decision Quashed by High Court on 14/02/2022
ABP Ref. 313897	Application for Leave to Apply for Substitute Consent for peat extraction and all associated bog development works.	Withdrawn
ABP Ref. 318974	Request to enter into pre-application consultation for a future substitute consent application pursuant to Section 177E(1A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.	Consultation concluded
22/75 (ABP Ref. 315485)	Permission for an underground electrical cable and transformer compound which will connect permitted solar farms within the townlands of Middleton, Ballycore, Treamboy, Newtown, Ballynakill, Bunacloy to the national grid via the proposed transformer compound at Lough Ree Power Station.	19/05/2023
ABP 322204-25	Application under S.177E for Substitute Consent relating to peat extraction on lands within Derryadd, Derryaroge and Bannow Bogs, Co Longford.	Lodged 1 st April 2025, no decision yet.
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: [] No:[x]		
If yes please specify		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>The proposed development will comprise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 no. wind turbines with a blade tip height of 190 m, blade rotor diameter of 165 m, hub height of 107.5 m and the associated infrastructure including tower sections, nacelle, hub, and rotor blades and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine; • New internal site access roads, approximately 27,500 m in length including passing bays and associated drainage; • 2 no. permanent Meteorological Masts, both of which will be 120 m in height, and associated hardstanding areas for both masts, as well as the decommissioning and removal of an existing 100 m Meteorological Mast on site in Lough Bannow Bog; • 4 No. Borrow pits in Derryadd Bog; All works associated with the opening, gravel and spoil extraction, and decommissionings of the borrow pits; • 4 No. temporary construction compounds, including material storage, site welfare facilities, and site offices; • 4 No. temporary security cabins at the main construction site entrances as well as at a number of access points around the proposed wind farm site; • 1 no. 110 kV electrical substation compound in Derryaroge Bog. The substation will consist of 2 No. control buildings, a 36 m high telecommunications tower, associated electrical plant and equipment, ground water well, wastewater holding tank and welfare facilities; • All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines and masts to the proposed electrical substation, including road crossing at N63 and associated grid connection via a 110 kV loop-in connection to the existing Lanesborough-Richmond 110 kV overhead line which traverses the proposed wind farm site; • 1 No. 16 MW battery storage facility; • 2 No. Peat Deposition Area, one to the north of the proposed substation compound in Derryaroge Bog and one in Derryadd Bog; • New site access entrances, temporary improvements and modifications to existing public road infrastructure to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads including • locations on N6 Eastbound Slip Road, N6/N61 Roundabout at Athlone, N61/N63 Roundabout at Roscommon, N63 Roscommon Arts Centre Roundabout and N61/N63 Roundabout, Northeast of Roscommon; • Hinge 3 No. permanent lighting fixtures in Folio RN40465F in Roscommon town to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads (i.e. turbine blades);
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 7,500 m of dedicated amenity access tracks to provide linkages between the proposed wind farm site roads and the existing royal canal greenway (to the east) and Corlea visitor centre and amenity areas (to the south) and the Midlands Trail Networks project (to the north); • 3 No. permanent amenity carparks, one of which is situated in Derryaroge Bog (19 no. car parking spaces in total) and two carparks in Derryadd Bog (19 no. car parking spaces in each carpark); • All associated site work and ancillary works including new drainage and upgrading existing drainage, access road, earthworks, site reinstatement and erosion control, which will be aligned with the existing and future site rehabilitation plans; • A 10-year planning permission is being sought with a 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.
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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 m²
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	Substation Compound: 2 no. Buildings, with a total of 678m ² of proposed floor space (a TSO Control Building and IPP Control Building)
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>	n/a	n/a
<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)
Industrial peat extraction occurred on the proposed wind farm site. Site preparation works (vegetation clearance and drainage installation) began in 1949, with peat extraction commencing in 1952. The peat extraction supplied the nearby ESB Lanesborough Power Station, and subsequently Lough Ree Power Station. Since 2019, all peat production in the proposed wind farm site ceased and decommissioning works are undertaken with respect to peat extraction activities and all ancillary works in accordance with Condition 10 of the IPC Licence (Reg. No. P0504-01).
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
Renewable Energy Development – Proposed 22 turbine Wind Farm Development for the production of electricity which will include recreational use, 110kV substation and grid connection to allow the export of electricity to the national grid, and temporary accommodation works to allow for the delivery of turbine components.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
A renewable energy development comprising of 22 no. wind turbines, hardstanding areas and access tracks, a 110kV substation and ancillary infrastructure including 2 no. met masts and 16MW battery storage. All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a 110 kV loop-in connection to the existing Lanesborough-Richmond 110 kV overhead line which traverses the proposed wind farm site. Temporary accommodation works at various points along the delivery route to allow for delivery of turbine components is also proposed.

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?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X

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.		X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?	X	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?	X	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?	X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?		X
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		X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?		X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?		X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?		X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?		X

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:

Existing connection: ☐ New Connection: ☐

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

Other (please specify):

A groundwater well is proposed for the substation. The groundwater well near the substation will be constructed in line with a common domestic borehole using a drilling rig. Refer to chapter 3 of the EIAR.

Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):

Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:

Existing: ☐ New: ☐

Public Sewer: ☐ Conventional septic tank system: ☐

Other on site treatment system: ☒ Please Specify:

This foul sewage will be collected and tankered off-site for disposal, at a licensed wastewater treatment facility. Refer to chapter 10 of the EIAR.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain: ☐ Soakpit: ☐

Watercourse: ☐ Other: ☒ Please specify:

An extensive network of drainage channels are present throughout the peatland which is managed under IPC licence P0504-01 Mountdillon Bog Group. Runoff will be maintained at the existing runoff rates. Controlled discharge will be maintained at existing pumping rates. The layout of the proposed wind farm site has been designed to collect surface water runoff from hard standing areas within the development and discharge to associated surface water attenuation lagoons adjacent to the proposed infrastructure. Refer to chapter 3 and 10 of the EIAR.

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Independent – 09 May 2025 Longford Leader – 09 May 2025
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> There are a total of 12 no. site notices at the proposed wind farm site and 1 no. along the proposed turbine delivery route where temporary accommodation works are required. Site notice locations are depicted in the following Drawings: 11399-2000, 11399-2001, 11399-2002 and 11399-2003. Date of site notice erection: 09 May 2025
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
Website including all planning documents, drawings and environmental reports: www.derryaddwindfarmplanning.ie A schedule of consultation is included in Chapter 1 of the EIAR submitted with this planning application.

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"/>

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: [x] No:[]

A Pre-application consultation meeting between the Applicant and An Bord Pleanála took place on the 9th January 2023 under ABP Case ref. 314965-22.

Please refer to **Addendum 3** of this planning application for details of consultation.

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application.

EIA Portal confirmation is included in **Addendum 4** of this planning form.

EIA Portal ID number: 2025072


20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable

€100,000.00

Proof of payment is enclosed in **Addendum 5** of this planning form.

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)	 Ian Heanue TOBIN (Agent) (Addressed supplied under Question 4)
Date:	09 May 2025

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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