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## APPENDIX 4-5

### HARVEST MANAGEMNET PLAN

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## Curraglass Wind Farm Harvest Management Plan

Proposed Felling & Reforestation Methods	
<b>Thinning (incl. CCF)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Harvester <input type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw <input type="checkbox"/> Forwarder <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Skyline <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
<b>Clear-felling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chainsaw <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forwarder <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor/Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Skyline <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
<b>Reforestation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Windrowing <input type="checkbox"/> Pit planting <input type="checkbox"/> Mounding <input type="checkbox"/> Scrap mounding <input type="checkbox"/> Scarification <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):
<b>Site access (i.e. via forest road)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Planned <input type="checkbox"/> Not required <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g. temporary roading/forest track):

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Social & Environmental Features & Considerations		
Social	Habitat & Biodiversity	Soil & Water
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational usage	<input type="checkbox"/> Designated area (SAC, SPA, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aquatic zone(s) on/adjoining site
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjoining dwelling(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Broadleaves/diverse conifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant watercourse(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Right(s)-of-way present	<input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerows	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-related 'hotspots'
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities (power lines/water main)	<input type="checkbox"/> Old/veteran trees	<input type="checkbox"/> Water abstraction point
<input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Large scale deadwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peaty or peaty/gley
<input type="checkbox"/> Important viewpoint(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Badger sett, rookery, etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steep slope(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological site(s) & feature(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Protected fauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Water setback(s) present & intact
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural feature(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Protected flora	<input type="checkbox"/> Supply of brash limited
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social (dumping, fire, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

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Proposed Measures to Protect Social & Environmental Features & Considerations	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consult with local residents	<input type="checkbox"/> Establish excl. zones around arch. sites/features
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erect safety signage	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary bridging points (TBPs) required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite briefing of all operators, pre-commencement	<input type="checkbox"/> Install water setback at refor.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carefully selected refuelling/repair/storage depot	<input type="checkbox"/> Install dwelling setback at refor.
<input type="checkbox"/> Measures to protect right(s)-of-way	<input type="checkbox"/> Install public road setback at refor.
<input type="checkbox"/> Measures to protect service features	<input type="checkbox"/> Install archaeological setback at refor.
<input type="checkbox"/> Measures to protect habitats & biodiversity features	<input type="checkbox"/> Install biodiversity setback at refor.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limit operations to dry weather	<input type="checkbox"/> Install landscape setback at refor.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily visual monitoring of ground conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion of Refor. Objective CCF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily visual monitoring of water	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion of Refor. Objective BIO

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**Proposed Measures to Protect Social & Environmental Features & Considerations (Cont..)**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water sampling	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest edge planting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Install silt traps/barriers	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental setback planting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drain blocking/slow-water dams	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilise brush mats along extraction routes	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclude machinery in areas adjoining aquatic zones, water abstraction points & water-related 'hotspots'	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

**Ancillary Information (include relevant information to expand on above & to detail important aspects such as the sequencing of operations, the width of environmental setbacks & contingency planning. Ensure accurate cross-referencing and consistency with maps) \***

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**Harvesting**

Harvesting and extraction will be carried out during periods of dry weather to reduce soil compaction and rutting of tracks. All harvesting activities will be suspended during periods of prolonged rainfall or heavy rainfall. Proposed machinery will comprise a harvester and a low-ground pressure forwarder with a 14-tonne bunk capacity. Before the commencement of felling all operators will be fully briefed on the harvest plan including potential hazards and environmental sensitivities and corresponding protective measures on site. Advance notice and safety signage will be erected prior to harvesting, and harvest boundaries will be clearly marked before operations begin.

Brush mats will be used along all extraction routes, with corduroy rafts deployed to reinforce short sections of soft ground subject to high traffic usage. The extraction directions are marked with red arrows on the Harvest Plan Map. Particular attention will be paid to minimizing disturbance to ground surfaces, drains /streams, and biodiversity features. Brush, logs or debris will not be allowed to enter the aquatic zones and relevant watercourses. Felled trees will be stacked in a responsible manner at suitable locations to prevent contamination of watercourses with organic rich leachate exuding from cuttings.

A 20 m buffer around aquatic zones (10 m either side) will be maintained, and a 10 m buffer around relevant watercourses (5 m either side) will also be applied. The location of relevant watercourses will be verified on the ground prior to operations. The existing network of forestry drains will be integrated into the proposed drainage system for the wind farm where required. Sediment traps will be installed prior to harvesting at strategic locations identified on the ground. These traps will be monitored and maintained (i.e., cleaned out and/or added to, as appropriate) throughout felling, extraction, and periodically thereafter, until the site stabilises.

Onsite supervision will be present during operations to ensure that felling and extraction are carried out appropriately and that water protection measures are adequate and remain effective throughout, and to trigger contingency measures, if necessary (e.g., to cease operations if rainfall creates a risk of sediment mobilisation and runoff). All staff must always wear high visibility jacket and hard hat. All personnel on site must have appropriate Health and Safety training. All felling/harvesting operations will comply with the *Forest Harvesting and the Environment Guidelines* and *Forestry and Water Quality Guidelines*.

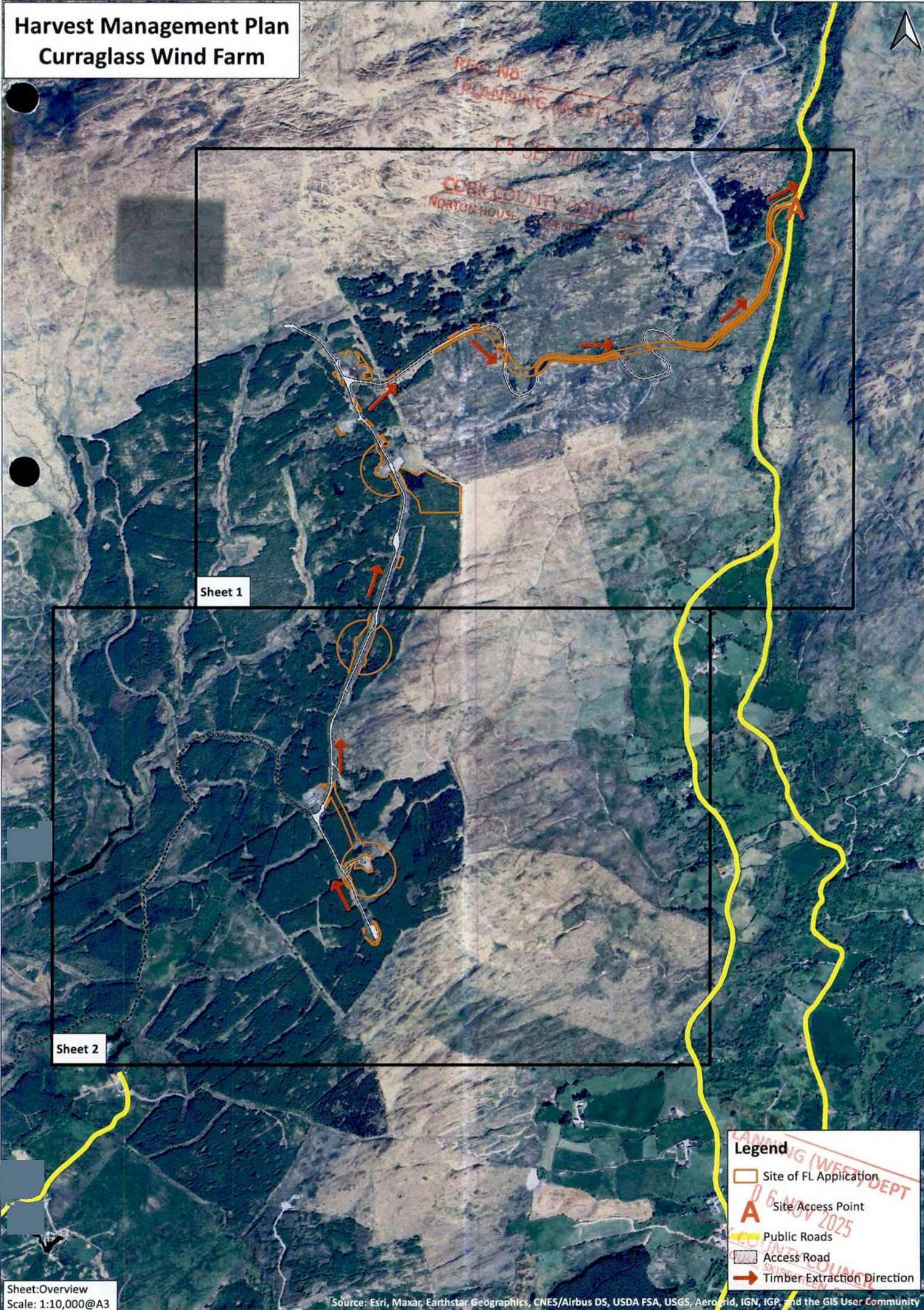
Access to site – The wind farm road will be used for access and haulage purposes. Timber will follow extraction arrows, leaving site along R-584-301.

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Sheet 1

Sheet 2

**Legend**

- Site of FL Application
- Site Access Point
- Public Roads
- Access Road
- Timber Extraction Direction

Sheet: Overview  
Scale: 1:10,000@A3

Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA FSA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, IGP, and the GIS User Community

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