

Ballyfeeny Green Energy Project



Environmental Impact Assessment Report Volume III

Appendix 1.5 – Notification of Opinion by Local Authority

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Opinion on Unconfirmed Details

Planning Authority Name or An Bord Pleanála:	Roscommon County Council
Request for Meeting under Section 32H, 37CC, 182F or 287A of Act:	32H
Request Reference Number:	DFR/25/1
Name of Prospective Applicant/Requestor:	Ballyfeeney Green Energy Limited
Address of the proposed development:	Ballyfeeney & Tully, Co. Roscommon
Description of the Nature & Extent proposed development:	Design Flexibility Request sought in respect of the construction, operation and decommissioning of a wind farm that comprises of one of three wind turbine technology options (namely Technology Option 1, Technology Option 2 or Technology Option 3 as per Documentation submitted)
Date of Receipt of Request:	17/04/2025
CE Order Number:	PL/657/25
Date of Opinion:	09/06/2025

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Was the following Information included where relevant, with the Flexibility Meeting Request under Section 32H, 37CC, 182F or 287A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Information	Enclosed with Request		
(a) the name and address of the prospective applicant,	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(b) a site location map sufficient to identify the land on which the proposed development would be situated,	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(c) a brief description of the nature and purpose of the proposed development and of its possible effects on the environment,	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(d) a draft layout plan of the proposed development,	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(e) a description of the details, or groups of details, of the proposed development that, owing to the circumstances set out in (e) (ii) below, are unlikely to be confirmed at the time of the proposed application.	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(e) (ii) A description of the circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided, before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in (e) above including, in particular, whether the prospective applicant may be able to avail of technology available after making the proposed application that is more effective or more efficient than that available at the time of the application,	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(f) an undertaking to provide with the proposed application, either: (i) two or more options, in respect of each detail or group of details referred to in (e) above, containing information on the basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided, (ii) parameters within which each detail referred to in paragraph (e) above will fall and on the basis of which the proposed application may be made and decided, or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii)	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
(g) such other information, drawings or representations as the prospective applicant may wish to provide or make available.	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []
The appropriate fee	Yes [x]	No []	N/A []

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Opinion of the Planning Authority under Section 32I of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Information	Details/Circumstances
(a). The details, or groups of details, of the proposed development that may be confirmed after the proposed application has been made and decided:	The Design Flexibility Request documentation along with Form No. 20 submitted on 17th April 2025 states that the following details that may be confirmed after the application has been made and decided are as follows: • Turbine total tip height • Turbine rotor diameter • Turbine hub height The parameters within which the turbine specifications will fall are as follows: • Turbine total tip height range of 156m - 160m • Turbine Rotor diameter range of 133m - 138m • Turbine Hub Height range of 90m - 92m Note: The references in documents received to variance in export capacity are noted. Export capacity is dependent/consequent on turbine design and is not a physical attribute on which it is possible to measure or assess impact. The stated range of export capacity between 25MW and 29MW is noted.
(b). The circumstances relating to the proposed development that indicate that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed the details referred to in paragraph (a) above:	The applicant has set out that the design flexibility requirements arise due to the extensive timeframes associated with the development of WGT and their associated works, the continuous evolution of WGT technology and the prolonged nature of the planning application, grid connectivity and construction processes. The parameters within which the turbine specifications will fall are as follows: • Turbine total tip height range of 156m - 160m • Turbine Rotor diameter range of 133m - 138m • Turbine Hub Height range of 90m - 92m The applicant is advised to provide with the application the most robust information in respect of turbine tip height, turbine rotor diameter and turbine hub height within the EIAR which assesses the effects associated with the design flexibility parameters sought.

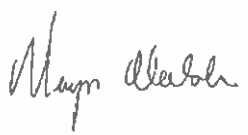
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Opinion of the Planning Authority:

Having Considered the Design Flexibility details, specifications and information submitted, including the meeting request form (No. 20), the Planning Authority per the provisions of Section 32I(2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), is satisfied that it is appropriate that the proposed application be made and decided before the prospective applicant has confirmed certain details of the application.

For Each Detail, or groups of details, referred to above, the proposed application shall, in addition to any other requirement imposed by or under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, be accompanied by the information referred to in the undertaking submitted with the flexibility meeting request under Section 32H (2)(f) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Planning Authority Official:



**Administrative Officer,
Planning Department,
Roscommon County Council.**

Date: 9th June 2025

Planning Authority Stamp:

