



An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Our ref: 240730-c
Your ref: 320089-24

Date: 5th December 2025

Re: Response to Further Information Request in relation to An Coimisiún Pleanála Ref. 320089-24, for the Proposed Clonberne Wind Farm, comprising of 11 Wind Turbines and Associated Infrastructure located at Killavoher, Gortagarraun, Cloonarkan, Lomaunaghroe, Clonberne, Ballagh West, Carrowntryla and Lissybroder, Co. Galway.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client Clonberne Windfarm Limited, (the Applicant), MKO have prepared a detailed Response to Further Information (RFI) report in response to a Further Information (FI) Request issued by An Coimisiún Pleanála ('the Commission') (ACP Ref. 320089-24) issued on the 15th of May 2025. The FI Request was issued in relation to a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application submitted to the Commission concerning a proposed wind farm comprising of 11 wind turbines and associated infrastructure (ACP Ref. 320089-24) located at Killavoher, Gortagarraun, Cloonarkan, Lomaunaghroe, Clonberne, Ballagh West, Carrowntryla and Lissybroder, Co. Galway.

The Commission issued the FI request in accordance with Section 37F(1)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended (the Act), which sought information on several items relating to Procedural/Administrative Issues, Biodiversity, Roads and Traffic, Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Visual Assessment, and Wake Effects, as well as a response to any issues raised by Third-Party Observers and Statutory Consultees. A response to the FIR was due by 5:30pm on the 17th of November 2025. An extension of the deadline was requested and subsequently granted, setting a new deadline of 5.30pm on the 5th of December 2025.

The planning application was submitted directly to the Commission on the 2nd July 2024 (ACP Ref. 320089-24) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Applicant is seeking a 10-year planning permission and a 35-year operational life.

The Proposed Wind Farm as set out in the public notices is as follows:

- I. 11 no. wind turbines with an overall turbine tip height of 180 metres; a rotor blade diameter of 162 metres; and hub height of 99 metres, and associated foundations, hardstanding and assembly areas;*
- II. Underground electrical cabling (33kV) and communications cabling;*
- III. Provision for the undergrounding of a section of 38kV overhead electrical cabling (as proposed under GCC Ref No. 24/60230), including the provision of 2 no. 38kV Line to Cable Interface End Masts up to a height of 16.2 metres and associated cable ducting to facilitate the undergrounding of the proposed 38kV cabling;*

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- IV. Upgrade of existing tracks/roads and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hardstand areas;
- V. Construction of 1 no. new gated site entrance off the R328 Regional Road to facilitate the delivery of the construction materials and turbine components to site;
- VI. Construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including temporary site offices, staff facilities and car-parking areas for staff and visitors, all to be removed at end of construction phase;
- VII. Development of 1 no. borrow pit;
- VIII. Provision of 3 no. passing bays adjacent to the L22321 Local Road and an existing access track to facilitate the transport of stone material to the site;
- IX. Peat and spoil management including the provision of 4 no. peat repository areas and 1 no. spoil repository area;
- X. Junction accommodation works including temporary accommodation areas adjacent to the N83 National Secondary Road, R328 Regional Road and L6466 Local Road to facilitate the delivery of turbine components to site;
- XI. Site Drainage;
- XII. Peatland Enhancement Area;
- XIII. Biodiversity Enhancement Measures (including the planting of woodland, linear habitat, grassland management and invasive species removal);
- XIV. Tree felling and hedgerow removal to facilitate construction and operation of the Proposed Project;
- XV. Operational stage site signage; and
- XVI. All ancillary works and apparatus.

A thirty five-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought and the subsequent decommissioning.

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

Please find enclosed a detailed response to the FI request by the Commission. The response has been prepared by MKO in collaboration with the wider project team including Alan Lipscombe Traffic and Transport Consultants Limited, Hydro-Environmental Services, TNEI, Triturus Environmental Limited, Tobar Archaeological Services and Archaeology consultant Ger Dowling (PHD, MIAI).

The following documents are included in the RFI submission:

- Response to Further Information Report, including the following appendices:
 - **Appendix 1** – An Coimisiún Pleanála Further Information Request
 - **Appendix 2** – Update to Planning Drawings
 - **Appendix 3** – TNEI Response
 - **Appendix 4** – Update to Non-Technical Summary
 - **Appendix 5** – Ornithology Tables & Figures
 - **Appendix 6** – Hydro-Environmental Services Response
 - **Appendix 7** – Update of Projects Considered in the EIA Cumulative Assessment
 - **Appendix 8** – Traffic & Transport Supporting Documentation
 - **Appendix 9** – Geophysical Survey Report
 - **Appendix 10** – Photomontage Booklet

- **Appendix 11 – Triturus Environmental Response**

I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for the requirements of the Commission. If, however, there is anything further that you require, or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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