

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended). Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development County Cork.

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) we, Ballinagree Wind DAC, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works within the townlands of Annagannihy, Aughinida, Ballynagree East, Ballynagree West, Bawnmore, Caherbaroul, Carrigagulla, Carrigduff, Clonavrick, Derryroe, Drishane More, Dromagh, Drominahilla, Dromskehy, Finnanfield, Inchamay South, Kilberrihert, Knocknagappul, Rahalisk and Tullig, Co. Cork.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- Construction of 20 no. wind turbines with a blade tip height range from 179m to 185m, a hub height range from 102.5 to 110.5m and a rotor diameter range from 149m to 155m;
- Construction of turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas including associated drainage infrastructure;
- Construction of new permanent site tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- Upgrading of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- Upgrade of 2 no. existing forestry and agricultural access junctions for construction and operational access from 1) the Local Roads L2750-0/L1123-62 in the townlands of Finnanfield and Ballynagree East and 2) from the Local Road L7461-0 in the townland of Ballynagree West, Co. Cork;
- Upgrade of 2no. existing forestry access junctions for temporary construction access from the Local Road L7461-17 in the townland of Knocknagappul, Co. Cork;
- Use of 1 no. existing forestry and agricultural access junction for operational access only from the Local Road L-7461-44 in the townland of Knocknagappul, Co. Cork;
- Installation of new permanent watercourse and drain crossings and the reuse and upgrade of existing internal watercourse and drain crossings to include 1) the replacement of an existing stone bridge structure with a new clear span concrete bridge structure along the Local Road L-7461-0 in the townland of Ballynagree West and 2) a new clear span concrete bridge structure along a proposed new track in the townland of Carrigagulla, Co.Cork;
- 3 no. on site borrow pits and associated ancillary drainage within the townlands of Carrigagulla and Knocknagappul, Co.Cork;
- 2 no. Temporary construction site compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking within the townlands of Ballynagree West and Carrigagulla, Co. Cork;
- Use of proposed wind farm access tracks and existing forestry and agricultural tracks as permanent recreational amenity trails for community use including the installation of associated signage and information boards and; the partial reinstatement and re-purposing of the proposed temporary construction compound as a permanent trail head car park and picnic area including associated landscaping within the townland of Ballynagree West
- Construction of 1 no. permanent on-site 110kV electrical substation including control buildings, electrical plant and equipment, welfare facilities, carparking, water and wastewater holding tanks, security fencing, lightning protection and telecommunications masts, security cameras, external lighting and, all associated infrastructure within the townland of Ballynagree East, Co. Cork;
- Installation of medium voltage underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed on-site substation and associated ancillary works;
- Installation of permanent high voltage 110kV underground electrical and communication cabling between the proposed on-site substation within the townland of Ballynagree East to the boundary of the existing Clashavoon substation within the townland of Aughinida, Co. Cork. The cabling will be laid primarily within the public road in the townlands of Knocknagappul, Ballynagree East, Ballynagree West, Bawnmore, Clonavrick, Derryroe, Rahalisk, Kilberrihert, Caherbaroul and Aughinida, Co. Cork. Associated works including the installation of 15 no. pre-cast joint bays and communication chambers; and horizontal directional drilling under 4 no. watercourse crossings in the townlands of 1) Knocknagappul, 2) Knocknagappul and Rahalisk, 3) Rahalisk and Bawnmore and 4) Bawnmore and Clonavrick;
- Tree felling to accommodate the construction and operation of the proposed development;
- Erection of 2no. meteorological masts with a height of 100m above existing ground levels for the measuring of metrological conditions within the townlands of Ballynagree East and Carrigagulla, Co. Cork. A lightning rod will extend above the masts by 4 meters;
- Temporary accommodation works at 6 no. locations adjacent to the public roads to facilitate delivery of turbine components to site within the townlands of Dromagh, Dromskehy, Liscahane, Tullig, Drominahilla, Finnanfield and Ballynagree East, Co. Cork. These works will primarily relate to trimming of trees and hedgerows, temporary lowering of boundary walls, temporary removal of boundary walls, temporary ground reprofiling and installation of temporary stone hard standing;
- Installation of a temporary off-site staging area for turbine components within the curtilage of Drishane Castle which is a Recorded Protected Structure (00319) and National Monument (296), within the townland of Drishane More. The works will include removal of a masonry wall and installation of temporary stone hard standing area and associated access track and entrances to and from the public road R583;
- All related site works and ancillary development including landscaping and drainage;
- A 35 year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application.

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The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement 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 **4th February 2022** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1
- The Offices of Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork

The application documentation may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website: <https://ballinagreeplanning.ie/>

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (and may also be made online at www.pleanala.ie) during the above mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned, and
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. 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 5:30 p.m. on **25th March 2022** and must 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,
- 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 2001, 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 (refer to “A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development” at www.pleanala.ie).

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

1. grant the permission/approval, or
2. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
3. grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the forgoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
4. refuse to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of 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 by 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 on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website, www.citizeninformation.ie

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