

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála

Strategic Infrastructure Development

Mayo County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Bord na Móna Powergen Limited, 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 on a site of 2,282ha, within the townlands of Laghtanvack, Croaghaun (also known as Croaghaun West), Moneynieran, Corvoderry, Shanvolahan, Dooleeg More, Shranakilly, Bellacorick and Shanvodinnaun, County Mayo.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of:

- Erection of 18 no. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height of 200m, a rotor diameter of 158m, a hub height of 121m and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;
- Decommissioning and removal of 21 no. existing Bellacorick Wind Farm wind turbines (including tower sections, nacelle, hub, and rotor blades);
- Construction of new internal site access roads, approximately 29,000m in length (permanent and temporary), passing bays, car parking and associated drainage;
- Construction of an amenity route through the site to the existing Visitors Centre with access from a local road off the N59 near Dooleeg;
- 2 no. borrow pits;
- 5 no. peat deposition areas;
- Installation of 1 No. permanent Meteorological Mast 120m high, and the decommissioning and removal of an existing 100m Meteorological Mast on site;
- 4 no. temporary construction compounds, including material storage, site welfare facilities, and site offices;
- 1 no. 110kV electrical substation compound. The electrical substation will have 2 No. control buildings, a 36m high telecommunications tower, associated electrical plant and equipment and a wastewater holding tank.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed substation;
- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, including a 110kV underground electrical cable from the proposed on-site electrical sub-station to the existing sub-station at Bellacorick;
- All related site works and ancillary development including (but not limited to):
 - Earthworks;
 - Peat management works;
 - Site security;
 - Groundwater and surface water management;
 - Overburden (soils/peat) storage and management; and
 - Site reinstatement, landscaping and erosion control.
- A 10-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected, free of charge or purchased for a specified fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing on 7th April 2023 at the following locations:

- The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902
- The offices of the Mayo County Council, Áras an Chortae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 WF90

The planning application may also be viewed on the following website: www.oweninnowindfarmphasethreep1anning.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (The Board), at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 and may also be made available online at www.pleanala.ie during the aforementioned period of 7 weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely significant effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out; (iii) the likely effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 26th May 2023 and must include the following information: (i) 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; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the board.

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to – (a); (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its permission and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant permission. The decision to hold an oral hearing on this planning application is at the absolute discretion of An Bord Pleanála.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of the Board (telephone no. 01-8588100).

Any 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 Rules 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.citizensinformation.ie.

SIGNED:



NAME AND ADDRESS OF SIGNATORY: BRIAN GALLAGHER C/O TOBIN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BLOCK 10-4, BLANCHARDSTOWN CORPORATE PARK, DUBLIN 15 (AGENT on behalf of Bord na Móna Powergen Limited)

DATE OF ERECTION OF SITE NOTICE: 31st March 2023