



Islandmore Wind Farm

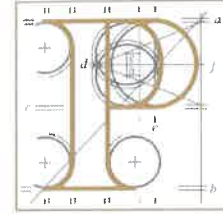
Environmental Impact Assessment
Report

Annex 1.1: Record of Pre-
Application Consultation Meetings

Islandmore Wind Farm Limited

Our Case Number: ABP-321711-25

Your Reference: Islandmore Wind Farm Limited



**An
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Galetech Energy Services
Clondargan
Stradone
Co. Cavan
H12 NV06

Date: 20 March 2025

Re: 10 no. turbine wind farm.

Located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largin, Co. Roscommon

Dear Sir / Madam,

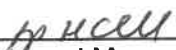
I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation request.

Please find enclosed a copy of the written record of the meeting of the 5th March 2025.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,


Raymond Muwaniri
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737125

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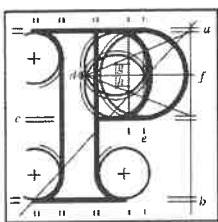
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Record of 1st Meeting ABP-321711-25

Case Reference / Description	ABP-321711-25 - 10 no. Turbine Wind Farm, located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largan, Co. Roscommon.		
Case Type	Pre-application Consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	1 st		
Date	05/03/2025	Start Time	14:30 hrs
Location	Virtual	End Time	15:10 hrs

Representing An Bord Pleanála
Staff Members
Una Crosse, Assistant Director of Planning (Chair)
Rachel Gleave O'Connor, Senior Planning Inspector
Emmet Smyth, Ecologist
Raymond Muwaniri, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant
Simon Carlton, Senior Planner, Galetch Energy Services
Blaithin Rafferty, Planner, Galetch Energy Services
Bernice Cahil, Senior Development Manager, Islandmore Wind farm Ltd

Introduction

The Board referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 20th of January 2025 requesting pre-application consultations under Section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and advised the prospective applicant that the first meeting constituted an information-gathering exercise for the Board. It also invited the prospective applicant to outline the nature of the proposed development and to highlight any matters that it wished to receive advice on from the Board. The Board's representatives mentioned the following general procedures in relation to the pre-application consultation process:

- The Board will keep a record of this meeting and any other meetings, if held. Such records will form part of the file which will be made available publicly at the conclusion of the process. The record of the meeting will not be amended by the Board once finalised, but the prospective applicant may submit comments on the record which will form part of the case file.
- The Board will serve notice at the conclusion of the process as to the strategic infrastructure status of the proposed development. It may form a preliminary view at an early stage in the process on the matter.
- A further meeting or meetings may be held in respect of the proposed development.
- Further information may be requested by the Board and public consultations may also be directed by the Board.
- The Board may hold consultations in respect of the proposed development with other bodies.
- The holding of consultations does not prejudice the Board in any way and cannot be relied upon in the formal planning process or in any legal proceedings.

Presentation made by the prospective applicant:

The applicant provided a presentation for the meeting, which is on the file which outlines the site location, character and context. The initial design had 12 turbines which has been revised to 10 turbines after an environmental constraints analysis. Three turbines are proposed to have an overall tip height of 185m, while the other seven are proposed at 150m. The output proposed is approximately 53MW, (4.5MW and 7.2MW per turbine). The grid connection is proposed to connect to the existing Tonroe 110kV substation at Ballaghaderreen and while assessed as part of the EIAR and NIS will be subject to a separate application. Environmental Scoping and Constraints Analysis are ongoing.

The next steps include continued evaluation of identified environmental constraints and interactive project design process, continued public consultation, preparation of the EIAR and NIS. The prospective applicant has formed a preliminary view that the project constitutes SID.

Discussion:

- While outlining the further evaluation and design iteration required, the Board's preliminary view is that the proposed development constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID), but the prospective applicant was advised to further refine and examine the proposal. Any changes to the proposal such as the reduction in number of turbines could affect the status of the proposal.
- A discussion was held in respect of the design flexibility provisions and the requirements for same. The proposal to include two separate turbine types within the application at defined locations was discussed with the Board's representatives outlining the need to define which turbine is proposed at each specific turbine location e.g Turbine X dimensions would be proposed at T1-T3 and Turbine Y dimensions proposed at T4-T10.

- The Board's representatives outlined that the EIAR should be comprehensive and robust and address matters including the Turbine Delivery Route and the consideration of alternatives. Community engagement should also be detailed.
- The prospective applicant clarified that they would be seeking a 10-year permission for the proposed project. The Board's representative advised that a justification for same would be necessary.
- The prospective applicant was also advised to ensure that the documentation presented provided details in respect of the proximity of the site to the existing Windfarm within the local area including the separation distances between the proposed and existing, to inform visual and wind take examinations.
- The prospective applicant was further advised that the environmental examination of the site should consider amenity considerations, forestry and any carbon calculations.
- The requirements in respect of the Water Framework Directive should be addressed in the EIAR.
- A comprehensive consideration of landslide susceptibility on the site with technical investigations to inform same required.
- The Board's representative addressed the use of borrow pits on site, the reuse of material, storage of materials including peat.
- The restricted provisions in relation to timelines and further information once the REDIII Directive is transposed was discussed.

Conclusion

The Board's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or to seek formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Board's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in due course and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.



Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning

Our Case Number: ABP-321711-25

Your Reference: Islandmore Wind Farm Limited



An
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Galetech Energy Services
Clondargan
Stradone
Co. Cavan
H12 NV06

Date: 25 July 2025

Re: 10 no. turbine wind farm.

Located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largan,
Co. Roscommon

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation request.

Please find enclosed a copy of the written record of the meeting of the ABP-321711-25.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission.

Please quote the above-mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

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Record of Meeting ABP-321711-25

Case Reference / Description	10 no. turbine wind farm located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largan, Co. Roscommon		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	2 nd Meeting		
Date	17 th June 2025	Start Time	11:05am
Location	MS Teams	End Time	12:10pm

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála

Una Crosse (Assistant Planning Director) Chair

Rachel Gleave O'Connor (Senior Planning Inspector)

Ellen Moss (Executive Officer)

Representing the Prospective Applicant

Bernice Cahill (Islandmore Wind Farm Limited)

Simon Carleton (Galetech Energy Services)

Meadhbh Costigan (Woodrow/ APEM Group)

Matthew Rea (Woodrow/ APEM Group)

Blaithin Rafferty (Galetech Energy Services)

Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant on the 20th January 2025, requesting pre-application consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and made reference to the first meeting held on 5th March 2025 noting the procedures for the meeting outlined at that first meeting and set out in the record of same.

Presentation made by the prospective applicant:

The prospective applicant began their presentation by providing a brief overview of the topics discussed at the first meeting held on the 5th March 2025 and provided a brief overview of Design Freeze 1 from March 2025 as discussed at the previous meeting. The prospective applicant provided an overview of the environmental surveys undertaken to date, which have aided in refining the proposed development and which have been considered cumulatively with Largan Hill Wind Farm including:

- Further habitat and fauna surveys
- A species & habitat management plan
- Land and soil field surveys and investigations noting that peat depths are under 4m and are lowest at T9.
- Ground investigations and water sampling, consideration of flood risk and the Water Framework Directive.
- Air Quality and Climate.
- Consideration of Zone of Theoretical Visibility with revisions to same due to the revised turbine locations with the inclusion of Passage Tomb landscape of County Sligo which is within 20km of the proposed site with further photomontages prepared.
- No previously recorded archaeological, architectural or cultural heritage features have been identified within the proposed development site.

- Baseline noise surveys, noise modelling, construction phase vibration modelling, and shadow flicker modelling completed.
- Consideration of turbine delivery route and consultations with Roscommon County Council's Roads Department ongoing with the grid connection cables proposed to run alongside the turbine delivery route.
- Consultation with the Aeronautical Services at Knock Airport ongoing with technical investigations undertaken to consider potential effects on aviation.

The prospective applicant provided an overview of the proposed development under Design Freeze 2, informed by the studies outlined above, with the constituent elements of the proposal denoted.

The prospective applicant advised that it would be seeking a 10-year planning permission and outlined the public consultation undertaken to date and proposed in advance of submission of any future application.

Discussion:

The Commission's representatives queried the extent of peat to be removed from the site, peat depths, the extent of site investigation undertaken, the relationship of proposed internal roads to areas of peat habitat and peat storage areas. Further discussion ensued in respect of areas of blanket bog on the site and the proposed turbine locations vis-à-vis the location of peat habitats. Consideration of Development Plan policy objectives in respect of peat was also outlined.

The Commission's representatives advised the prospective applicant to address the potential requirement for a Water Status Impact Assessment, which may form part of the EIAR.

The Commission's representatives queried the extent of bird surveys undertaken and the findings of same. The prospective applicant noted that 4 years of bird

surveys have been carried out following the NatureScot guidance. These include Breeding Bird surveys, Winter Bird surveys, and Raptor Roost surveys. While Whooper Swans have been observed, there is no evidence of foraging within the proposed site or within a 500-meter buffer zone. There were occasional flights—12 over the four-year survey period—none of which occurred in the final two years of the survey period. No flights by white-fronted geese were recorded. The Commission's representatives sought clarification in respect of the results of the raptor roost surveys. The applicant outlined the findings of same with the nearest roost to the red line boundary c.750 metres, with minimal effects anticipated. Mitigation measures are proposed to protect these roosts, and any potential impacts on habitats proposed to be mitigated. No evidence of breeding raptors had been found with surveys noting that hen harrier had been recorded traversing the site in flight. Potential impacts are being evaluated and are proposed to be mitigated with a habitat management plan proposed. It was also noted that Winter surveys were completed during the most recent winter season.

The Commission's representatives queried the difference in scale of the proposed turbines with the existing Largan Hill Wind Farm. The prospective applicant advised that the proposed turbines will be higher which would be addressed in the landscape assessment.

Japanese knotweed has been noted along the proposed turbine delivery route with pre-construction surveys proposed. Habitat enhancement measures have been incorporated into the design, and are proposed to be included within the redline boundary.

The Commission's representatives queried if consultation had been undertaken with the NPWS or TII. The prospective applicant noted that the response received from the DAU related to archaeology with no major concerns raised. The NPWS did not comment on nature conservation. The Commission's representatives queried

whether any derogations would be required. The prospective applicant noted that derogation may be required in the vicinity of the proposed location of T10. The Commission's representatives advised the prospective applicant to consult with the NPWS in respect of the timing of any such derogation and referred to the recently published Guidelines.

The TII recommendation was to consult with the Roads Department of Roscommon County Council.

The prospective applicant noted that they will seek closure of this consultation process once they receive the record of this meeting.

The Commission's representatives advised that the Prospective Applicant should satisfy themselves that they are in a position to present robust documentation with any future application prior to seeking closure of the pre-application process.

Conclusion:

The Commission's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Commission's representatives advised that the record of the instant meeting will be issued in the meantime and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 12:10.

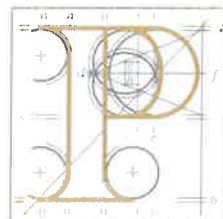
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Assistant Director of Planning

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Your Reference: Islandmore Wind Farm Limited



An
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Galetech Energy Services
Clondargan
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Co. Cavan
H12 NV06

Date: 26 February 2026

Re: 10 no. turbine wind farm.

Located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largin, Co. Roscommon

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Coimisiún Pleanála to refer further to the above-mentioned pre-application consultation request.

Please find enclosed a copy of the written record of the meeting of the 10th February 2026.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission.

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Yours faithfully,

Sinead White
Executive Officer
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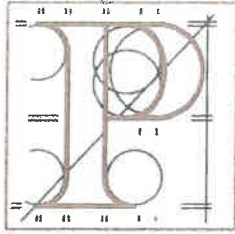
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Record of 3rd Meeting ABP-321711-25

Case Reference / Description	10 no. turbine wind farm located in Toobrack, Tullaghanrock, Boleysillagh, Cloonmeen, Islandmore, Attiantaggart and Largan, Co. Roscommon		
Case Type	Pre-application consultation		
1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Meeting	3 rd Meeting		
Date	10/02/2026	Start Time	11:30am
Location	Virtually	End Time	12:45pm

Representing An Coimisiún Pleanála

Una Crosse, Assistant Planning Director

Rachel Gleave O'Connor, Senior Planning Inspector

Emmet Smyth, Scientist

Maeve Flynn, Ecologist

Sinead White, Executive Officer

Representing the Prospective Applicant

John Ball, Woodrow Environmental Consultants

Róisín NigFhloinn, Woodrow Environmental Consultants

Bernice Cahill, Statkraft

Bláithín Rafferty, Galetch Energy Services

Simon Carleton, Galetch Energy Services

Introduction

The Commission referred to the letter received from the prospective applicant requesting a second pre-application meeting and referred to the second meeting held on 17th June 2025.

Presentation:

The prospective applicant set out their presentation, which is attached to the file.

Discussion:

Update on Development Proposal/Development Description

- Revised locations of turbines discussed, minor adjustments have been made since last meeting.
- Dimension of turbines discussed, T1, T2 and T3 are proposed as a larger turbine than the others and outlined that clarity is required in the public notice as to which proposed turbine dimension is proposed for the turbine/s location noting that this is not design flexibility but is defined turbine sizes for particular turbine locations.

Biodiversity including Habitats & Ornithology

- Potential effects on Marsh fritillary.
- Impacts on peatland habitats and aquatic ecology.
- Accurate classification of habitats advised, associations with Annex I quality habitat.
- ACP advised prospective applicant to quantify losses of Annex I blanket bog habitat and provide a justification for same.
- Advised to clearly describe approach to habitat restoration to ensure no net loss as minimum.
- Prospective applicant confirmed survey effort for vantage point and hen harrier (winter) and duration of surveys clarified.

- Advised that Hen harrier was not considered in collision risk as recorded in low numbers as below threshold for assessment.
- ACP advised prospective applicant to use updated Nature Scot (2024) Collision Risk Model and include data (CRM Spreadsheet) in appendix.
- Appropriate population level to be considered in evaluation of significance of impacts. National estimates may not be appropriate
- Magnitude of effect (residual) to be included in overall impact significance (e.g. low/ moderate) even if not considered 'significant' in terms of EIA definitions for target species.
- Discussion to be had with NPWS with respect to whether derogation required in relation to bats.

Land & Soil

- ACP advised that peat susceptibility assessment is robust and clearly outlines findings.
- Impacts Soil deposition areas around the site, off site disposal will be used where necessary.
- Rock excavated from the site proposed for use in construction of the project.
- Application to confirm if any imported materials to be used on the site for hardstanding and any associated impact from this with respect to run-off and pH values.

Hydrology & Hydrogeology

- ACP advised prospective applicant to set out a methodology to prevent bursts/slippages of excavated materials.
- If any materials are imported for groundwork on site, it is advised that any chemical impacts which may arise are addressed.
- If the drainage infrastructure will remain on site during the decommissioning process, long term monitoring / management to be considered in the application.

Landscape & Visual

- Documentation to clarify life of adjacent existing wind farm operation.
- Distances to existing Largan Hill Wind Farm to be confirmed and annotated on plans, detailing distances between existing and proposed turbines.
- Potential effect on cultural heritage to be assessed including heritage sites which may not be publicly accessible.

Noise & Vibration

- Noise monitoring points were chosen as to not have existing Largan Hill Wind Farm included, and any noise from existing Largan Hill Wind Farm was removed.
- No areas of low background noise encountered during surveying.
- Noise character (AM and tonal) to be addressed in operational mitigation.

Shadow Flicker

- Shadow flicker will be expected to be eliminated in line with 2019 draft guidelines.

Aviation

- Confirmation required of any mitigation which may be required with respect to Ireland West Airport.

Conclusion:

The Commission's representatives advised that the onus is on the prospective applicant to either request a further meeting or formal closure of the instant pre-application consultation process. The Commission's representatives advised that the record of the meeting will be issued in the meantime, and that the prospective applicant can submit any comments it may have in writing or alternatively bring any comments for discussion at the time of any further meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 12:45pm.

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Una Crosse

Assistant Director of Planning



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