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1 Introduction

This Community Engagement Report outlines the approach, activities, and outcomes of the consultation process undertaken for the Islandmore Wind Farm project. From the earliest stages of development, the project team prioritised meaningful, transparent, and inclusive engagement with the local community. The consultation process aimed to ensure that local voices were heard and integrated into the project's evolution. This report details how the community was informed and consulted from the early stages of the project design and highlights Statkraft's ongoing commitment to collaboration throughout the planning, construction, and operational phases.

Methodology

The consultation was guided by the principles set out in the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications' Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland – Guidelines for Community Engagement and the Aarhus Convention.

The Code of Practice establishes a structured, transparent, and inclusive approach to community engagement throughout the lifecycle of wind energy projects—from early feasibility through to operation. It emphasises the importance of building trust and maintaining open lines of communication with local communities. Developers are expected to initiate engagement at the earliest stages, providing clear, accessible, and comprehensive information about the project. This includes regular updates at key milestones such as pre-planning, planning, construction and operation. The methodology encourages proactive outreach through public meetings, door-to-door visits, and the establishment of a dedicated Community Liaison Officer to ensure ongoing dialogue and responsiveness to community concerns.

Consultation Objectives

The primary objective of the consultation process for the Islandmore Wind Farm was to ensure that the local community had meaningful opportunities to engage with the project from its earliest stages. This included providing clear, accessible information about the proposed development, listening to community concerns, and incorporating local knowledge into the design process. The consultation aimed to build trust and transparency, enabling residents to understand the potential impacts and benefits of the project. By fostering early and open dialogue, the project team sought to create a collaborative environment where community input could directly influence key decisions.

Another key objective was to establish long-term, two-way communication channels that would remain active throughout the planning, construction, and operational phases of the wind farm. This involved not only responding to feedback but also proactively identifying opportunities for local benefit-sharing, such as the Community Benefit Fund (CBF), educational initiatives, and local employment. Additionally, the Community Liaison Team developed a Project Update Subscription Form which would enable residents to subscribe for project updates as the project progresses. The consultation process was designed to align with national best practices, including the Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland, ensuring that engagement was inclusive, respectful, and responsive. Ultimately, the goal was to ensure that the Islandmore Wind Farm would be developed in a way that reflects the values, needs, and aspirations of the local community.

Community Liaison Strategy (CLS)

A dedicated Community Liaison Strategy (CLS) was developed to guide all engagement activities for the Islandmore Wind Farm. This strategy was informed by desk and field-based research on the local area, including analysis of 2022 Census data and relevant County and Local Development Plans. It provided a structured framework for early and ongoing engagement with the local community, beginning during the feasibility and scoping phase. A Community Liaison Officer (CLO) was appointed as the primary point of contact for residents, ensuring consistent, accessible communication throughout the project. The CLS emphasised open, honest, and transparent dialogue, with mechanisms in place to encourage feedback and foster a sense of community ownership and pride in the project. As part of this strategy, **Statkraft CE team aims to visit every household within the proposed development area to discuss the proposal and provide clear, concise project information, making further visits where necessary.**

The CLS has played a central role in shaping the Islandmore Wind Farm's development. Through in-person consultations, door-to-door visits, newsletters, and digital updates, the project team has maintained regular contact with the community. The strategy also outlines a commitment to continued engagement during construction and operation, ensuring that the community remains an active stakeholder. By embedding this approach into every stage of the project, the Islandmore Wind Farm aims to deliver a development that is both environmentally responsible and socially inclusive.

2 Consultation Activities

Initial public consultation for the Islandmore Wind Farm proposal began at a very early stage in the development process, with engagement with the local community commencing during the initial feasibility and scoping stages in 2023. In November 2023, the first round of door-to-door consultation took place. In advance of this, the dedicated Community Liaison Strategy (CLS) was developed by the Statkraft Community Liaison Team.

Three further rounds of door-to-door engagement were conducted with residents within a 1.6 km radius of the project:

Round 1 – November 2023

The first round of community consultation for the Islandmore Wind Farm was undertaken in November 2023. Within the consultation zone, 112 residential properties were identified, of these 12 were vacant or derelict. The Community Liaison Officer (CLO) held face-to-face meetings with individuals from 55 households living within 1.6 km of the proposed development, which included requested meetings with residents. During these early-stage discussions, residents were introduced to the project concept and the emerging turbine layout and were given an opportunity to discuss the rationale for selecting the site, the anticipated project and planning timelines, proximity to homes, potential visual and landscape effects, noise and shadow flicker, environmental studies, construction traffic and local road use, opportunities for local employment and supply-chain participation, the proposed Community Benefit Fund, and the available channels for submitting questions and feedback. Where initial contact was not possible, the CLO made further follow-up visits to maximise opportunities for residents to engage with the project team and access relevant information. A small number of properties remained inaccessible or had no post-box; information was provided to these properties during subsequent rounds of community engagement. In total, 143 project information booklets (Appendix A) were distributed which includes follow up visits to households.

Round 2 – November 2024

A second round of community consultation was undertaken in November 2024, during which the same 112 properties were revisited to provide updated project information and gather further feedback. Direct engagement increased during this round, with 63 individual face-to-face household meetings were held within 1.6 km of the proposed development. Building on the introductory discussions held during the first round, residents received updates on the evolving turbine layout and project programme and had an opportunity to discuss how earlier feedback had informed the design. Topics raised and addressed included turbine setbacks, and proximity to homes; property devaluation, visual and landscape effects; flooding risk and carbon displacement; noise and shadow flicker; electromagnetic interference (EMI); health; the proposed substation location and whether overhead lines would be required; progress on environmental and technical assessments; proposed access and turbine delivery routes; potential construction traffic and road management measures; the planning process and anticipated submission timeline; local employment and supply-chain opportunities; the Community Benefit Fund; and the channels available for ongoing questions, feedback and project updates. The Community Liaison Officer made 52 follow-up visits to properties where residents were not initially available, Letters accompanied by a project booklet were sent using An Post digital stamps to 22 households that remained inaccessible during this period of community engagement, helping to ensure that every household had access to the updated information. In total, 122 updated project booklets were distributed including follow up visits to households (Appendix B).

Round 3 – July 2025

The third round of community engagement commenced in July 2025 and focused on direct, in-person engagement with residents of all occupied properties within a 1.6 km radius of the proposed wind farm. The purpose of this round was to inform residents of the upcoming planning submission and explain how the planning application documents could be accessed online. A Project Update Newsletter (Appendix C) was distributed alongside the in-person engagement. In total, 57 face-to-face meetings were held with residents which included requested meetings. Discussions included the proposed turbine layout and proximity to homes; visual and landscape effects; noise and shadow flicker; potential effects on local wildlife, habitats and watercourses; electromagnetic interference; the proposed substation and grid connection; turbine delivery routes, construction traffic and road management; the planning process and anticipated submission timeline; local employment and supply-chain opportunities; the Community Benefit Fund; and the arrangements for submitting questions and receiving future project updates. For properties that remained inaccessible, 22 newsletters were sent using An post digital stamps on 24 July 2025 to support. In total 120 newsletters were distributed, this included follow up visits to households.

Round 4 – February 2026

The fourth round of community engagement commenced in February 2026 and again focused on in-person engagement with residents of all occupied properties within a 1.6 km radius of the proposed project. The purpose of this round was to explain the delay in lodging the planning application and inform residents of the revised anticipated submission date. A second Project Update Newsletter (Appendix D) was distributed alongside the in-person engagement. In total, 46 face-to-face meetings were held with individual households, including additional meetings arranged at residents' request. For properties that remained inaccessible, 22 letters enclosing the newsletter were sent using An Post digital stamp. 120 newsletters were distributed,

Engagement with Local Representatives

In addition to direct community engagement, Islandmore Wind Farm Limited also reached out to local political representatives. On 11 December 2024, six letters were sent to councillors representing the Boyle Municipal District, informing them of the project's progress and inviting further dialogue (Appendix G). Additionally, a meeting was held with a public representative and the Roscommon Rural Recreational Officer on the 10th April 2025, to discuss recreational opportunities and the Community Benefit Fund.

Engagement with Local Groups

As the closest registered community group to the proposed project, the Cloontia Community Development Committee participated in a dedicated consultation session at Cloontia Community Centre on 5 February 2025. The meeting was attended by 23 members. During the session, the Statkraft Community Liaison Team delivered a presentation outlining the need for renewable energy projects, the reasons the area had been identified as potentially suitable for this type of development, the indicative project timeline should planning permission be granted, and the proposed Community Benefit Fund (CBF).

The discussion explored how the CBF could support priorities identified by the local community and deliver lasting benefits across the project's operational lifetime. Potential areas of support included improvements to community facilities and local services; recreational, sporting, cultural and educational initiatives; biodiversity and environmental projects; and measures to improve household and community energy efficiency, such as insulation, renewable energy technologies and other sustainability upgrades. The fund could also help community organisations develop local projects, strengthen their capacity to secure complementary funding and support initiatives that promote social inclusion and community wellbeing. Committee members provided feedback and asked questions about how the fund could be structured, administered and targeted so that communities closest to the proposed development could participate in identifying priorities and benefit from its implementation.

In addition, a meeting was held with a representative of the Ballaghaderreen Family Resource Centre on 10 April 2025. The discussion covered the proposed project, its indicative timeline and the CBF, with particular consideration given to how the fund could respond to needs within the wider area. Potential uses discussed included support for family and community services, programmes for children, young people and older residents, educational and skills-development initiatives, wellbeing and social-inclusion activities, and improvements to facilities used by local groups. The meeting provided an opportunity to gather local insight and consider how future consultation on the CBF could help ensure that funding priorities are informed by the organisations and residents who understand the needs of the area.

Design Development

Community feedback received during the four rounds of consultation was considered as part of the iterative design process for the Islandmore Wind Farm, alongside the findings of the project's technical and environmental assessments. Issues raised by residents including turbine proximity to homes, potential visual and landscape effects, noise, shadow flicker, access arrangements and construction traffic were communicated to the wider project team and reviewed as the proposed layout developed. The original layout of 12 turbines was subsequently reduced to 10 following internal design reviews that considered these community concerns together with environmental constraints, engineering requirements and the efficient use of the available site. A combination of turbine types was also selected to provide greater flexibility in responding to site-specific conditions and to help minimise potential effects, particularly in relation to properties closest to the proposed development. The revised layout therefore reflects a balanced design process in which community feedback formed one of several important considerations. This approach sought to reduce potential effects where practicable while maintaining a viable renewable energy project capable of progressing through environmental assessment and the planning process.

3 Project Communication Tools

Project Booklets

Project booklets were developed and distributed during round one and two of consultation to provide residents with clear, accessible and up-to-date information. The publications introduced the project, illustrated the proposed turbine layout, explained potential community benefits and outlined how residents could ask questions or provide feedback. Later editions also communicated design updates and preparations for the planning submission. The booklets remained an important reference for residents and supported informed participation throughout the project’s development. Appendix A and B

Project Update Newsletter

Project Update Newsletters were issued to keep residents informed of key milestones, including changes to the project programme, the emerging turbine layout and preparations for the planning submission (Appendices C, D and E). They explained how to access the planning documentation and set out the next steps in the development process. Distributed to occupied properties within the proposed development area, with postal delivery used where direct access was not possible, the newsletters provided a consistent and accessible source of information. A further newsletter is planned before the planning application is lodged.

Project Website

The Islandmore Wind Farm project website (<https://projects.statkraft.ie/islandmore-wind-farm/>) has served as a central source of clear, accessible and up-to-date project information throughout the consultation process. Complementing in-person engagement, it hosts newsletters, booklets, maps and project updates that residents and other visitors can review at their convenience. QR codes were used extensively across project booklets, newsletters, letters and other printed materials to help households and visitors access the website and its supporting information quickly and easily. The website also directs users to the consultation feedback form, Project Update Subscription Form and Virtual Consultation Room, enabling community members to review materials, submit questions and feedback, and register for updates. These digital tools support transparency and enable stakeholders to remain informed and participate regardless of their availability or location.

Website metric	Total
Reporting period	July 2023–August 2026
Visits	9,206
Page views	13,511
Unique visitors	1,989

Virtual Consultation Room (VCR)

To enhance accessibility and ensure broad participation, Islandmore Wind Farm Limited launched an initial Virtual Consultation Room (VCR) as part of its community engagement strategy (<https://projects.statkraft.ie/islandmore-wind-farm/virtual-consultation-room/>) early in the engagement process in 2024. However, due to internal technical issues this original VCR was taken offline, and a new and improved VCR was developed by Statkraft for the Islandmore Wind Farm project which was launched in May 2026 (<https://islandmore.ik-doe-mee.nl/pano/vcr/@317.32h,19.18v,74.23f>). The VCR serves as an interactive online platform where residents can explore key project materials at their convenience. The new VCR features a range of resources including photomontages of the proposed turbines, a detailed and interactive site map, explainer videos, summaries of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), all of the printed and distributed project material to date, information on the SID application, information on the Community Benefit Fund and opportunities for the users to provide feedback on the project. This digital space allowed stakeholders to engage with the project in a flexible and user-friendly format. The Islandmore VCR has had 245 visits since its launch in May 2026 (as of September 15th 2026).

VCR metric	Total
Reporting period	August 2025–August 2026
Visits	245
Page views	447
Unique visitors	141

Sorry I Missed You Cards, Feedback Forms and Subscription Forms

During door-to-door consultation, the Community Liaison Team left “Sorry I Missed You cards” along with the brochure / booklet at households where there was nobody home. The cards provided additional contact details and invited residents to arrange a meeting at a time that was most convenient for the household. This follow-up measure extended the opportunity to engage beyond the initial visit and helped ensure that households could access information and speak directly with the project team.

To support ongoing dialogue and provide residents with flexible ways to engage, Islandmore Wind Farm Limited developed a consultation feedback form (<https://projects.statkraft.ie/islandmore-wind-farm/contact-us/>) which was available through the project website. This form was designed to allow community members to share their views and ask questions at their convenience.

Additionally, the project team developed a Project Update Subscription Form (<https://projects.statkraft.ie/islandmore-wind-farm/register-project-updates/>) which was available both online and via QR codes included in the printed materials such as booklets and newsletters. These allowed people interested in staying up to date with the progress of the project to receive updates directly through email. To date, 37 residents have subscribed to receive Islandmore Wind Farm Project Updates (as of 14th September 2026).

Other Communication Channels

Throughout the consultation period, the Community Liaison Officer maintained regular contact with residents via email and phone. These channels provided an accessible way for community members to ask questions, raise concerns, and receive timely responses. In total, there were 57 emails received through our dedicated project email address, each of which were replied to in a timely manner. Additionally, the Statkraft Community Liaison Team received 63 inbound calls to the dedicated project number, each of which were also responded to in a timely manner.

4 Key Issues Raised

Residents were encouraged to provide feedback through one-to-one meetings and the project’s wider communication channels. The principal issues raised concerned the need for renewable energy, visual and landscape change, turbine proximity, noise, shadow flicker, hydrology and drainage, construction traffic, electromagnetic interference, property values, project design and the Community Benefit Fund. The summaries below record the matters raised and the information provided by the project team; technical effects remain subject to the assessments submitted with the planning application and to any resulting conditions.

General Feedback

Feedback indicated broad recognition of the need for effective climate action, improved energy security and reduced reliance on imported fossil fuels. Many residents understood the potential contribution of the Islandmore Wind Farm to these objectives, while also expressing apprehension about the local changes associated with wind energy development. The principal concerns related to visual and landscape effects, hydrology and the practical implications of the transition to a low-carbon society for local households and individuals.

Residents also showed significant interest in the Community Benefit Fund and in how locally generated renewable energy could deliver tangible benefits for those living closest to the proposed development. Suggestions included support for an amenity trail, the protection and enhancement of local heritage sites, electric vehicle and electric bicycle charging facilities, and household or community energy-efficiency measures.

Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)

One resident asked about potential electromagnetic interference associated with the proposed turbines. The project team discussed the matter during meetings and follow-up calls and provided available technical information. The response explained that electromagnetic compatibility and any potential interference would be considered through project design, technical assessment and compliance with applicable standards. No definitive public-health conclusion is drawn in this report.

Proximity to Dwellings

Residents sought clarification on turbine proximity and setback distances from nearby homes. The project team provided mapping and visualisations showing proposed turbine locations relative to dwellings and explained that the layout had been developed with regard to relevant guidance, noise assessment and site constraints. The proposed separation from the nearest non-involved dwelling was generally regarded as acceptable by those who commented, although views were not unanimous.

Visual and Landscape Effects

Views on the appearance of wind turbines varied. Some residents regarded turbines as a visible symbol of renewable energy and climate action, while others were concerned about changes to the landscape. Some residents considered that existing or proposed screening could help reduce visual effects. The project team explained that photomontages would accompany the planning application, allowing residents to assess the completed design from representative viewpoints. The revised layout, including fewer turbines and increased setbacks, was generally viewed as providing a more balanced proposal.

Community Benefit Fund

Community benefit was a prominent theme throughout engagement with residents, local businesses and community groups. Suggested priorities included an amenity trail, protection and enhancement of local heritage sites, electric vehicle and bicycle charging facilities, improvements to community amenities and services, and household or community energy-efficiency measures. If the project proceeds under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme, the Community Benefit Fund will operate in accordance with the applicable scheme rules and will include an open process through which eligible local initiatives can apply for support. Further engagement will help identify local priorities and inform the fund's implementation so that it delivers transparent, lasting value for communities closest to the project.

Noise

Residents, particularly those living near Largan Hill Wind Farm, raised concerns about operational noise and asked whether Islandmore could produce similar effects. Questions were also raised about the future status of Largan Hill, including possible decommissioning or repowering. The project team explained that project-specific noise assessment would form part of the planning documentation and that the proposed development would be required to comply with the applicable noise limits and any planning conditions.

Hydrology and Drainage

Concern was expressed that the proposed development could increase surface-water run-off or affect local groundwater conditions during periods of heavy rainfall. The project team sought input from the design team and explained that the drainage strategy would use site-specific measures, including the use of existing roads where practicable, to manage run-off. The predicted effects and proposed mitigation will be set out in the planning and environmental assessment documentation; this information was shared with the residents who raised the issue.

Construction Traffic and Road Closures

Residents raised concerns about the proposed haul and turbine delivery routes, particularly the potential for temporary road closures and disruption during construction. The Community Liaison Team explained that a traffic management plan would be prepared before construction and implemented in accordance with the planning permission and relevant road-authority requirements. Subject to the project proceeding, a dedicated construction liaison contact would provide advance notice of significant traffic movements and respond to local queries.

Design Response

The preliminary layout was reviewed in response to consultation feedback and technical and environmental assessments. Issues considered included shadow flicker, setback distances, proximity to homes, noise, visual effects, access and drainage. Feedback was relayed to the design team and formed one of several inputs to the iterative review of the proposal. As described in the Design Development section, the layout was reduced from 12 turbines to 10 and a combination of turbine types was selected to respond to site-specific constraints. The final design and proposed mitigation measures are set out in the planning and environmental assessment documentation.

Shadow Flicker

Residents sought clarification on the potential for shadow flicker, including its possible effect on sensitive household members. The Community Liaison Team explained how shadow flicker would be assessed and stated the project's objective of avoiding shadow flicker at nearby dwellings. Where assessment identifies a potential effect, appropriate mitigation, including turbine control measures, would be considered. Any operational monitoring and mitigation would be undertaken in accordance with the planning permission.

Property Values

Several residents expressed concern that the proposed wind farm could affect property values. The Community Liaison Officer acknowledged these concerns and explained that property values are influenced by multiple local and market factors and that research findings on proximity to wind farms are not uniform across locations. No assurance was given regarding the future value of any individual property. Residents were encouraged to review independent evidence and, where appropriate, seek advice from a suitably qualified property professional.

5 Conclusion

The Islandmore Wind Farm consultation involved several stages of engagement from early feasibility through design development and preparation of the planning application. Residents were given opportunities to obtain information, raise concerns and suggest potential community benefits through household visits, meetings, printed materials, telephone and email contact, the project website and the Virtual Consultation Room. Feedback was shared with the project and design teams and considered alongside technical, environmental and planning requirements.

Consultation on the Community Benefit Fund identified interest in energy-efficiency and sustainability measures, community facilities and services, recreation, heritage, education and social-inclusion initiatives. If the project proceeds under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme, the fund will be implemented in accordance with the applicable scheme requirements, including an open application process and appropriate governance. Continued engagement will help identify local priorities and support transparent decision-making.

The Community Liaison Officer and the project's communication channels will remain available as the project progresses. Subject to the outcome of the planning process, further updates will be provided at relevant milestones, with arrangements for construction-phase liaison and ongoing community engagement established before works commence.

Appendix A Project Booklet 1

Appendix B Project Booklet 2

Appendix C 1st Project Newsletter

Appendix D 2nd Project Newsletter

Appendix E 3rd Project Newsletter

Appendix F Sorry We Missed You Cards

Appendix G Letter to Local Councillors

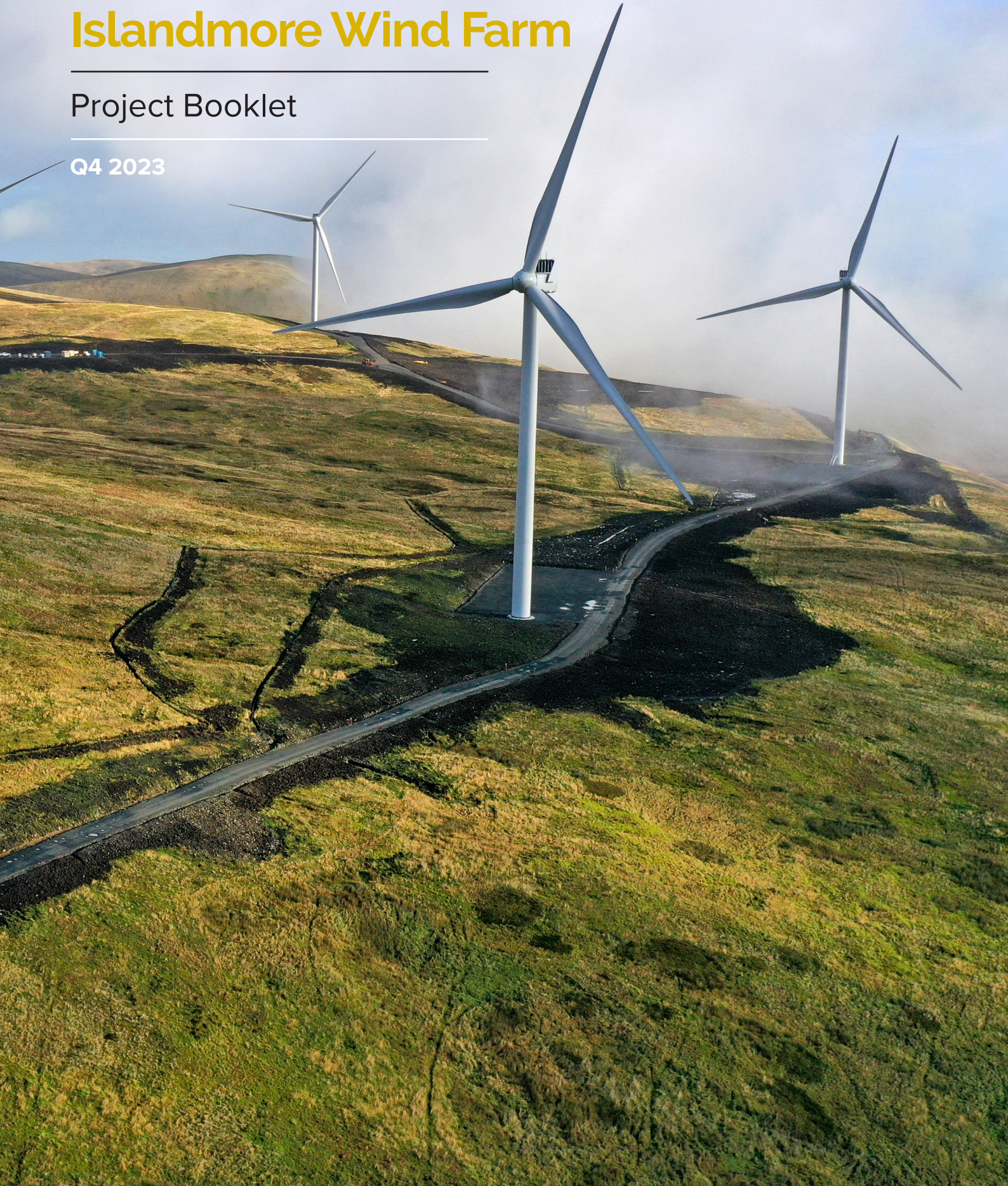


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■ Introduction

Statkraft is committed to delivering affordable renewable energy on to the Irish grid system and working with communities to explore how these projects might work best in their local areas. As a generation, we have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in securing our own energy independence. Statkraft is working to harness Ireland's natural resources to produce clean energy that can deliver for the present, while safeguarding our future.

The Islandmore Wind Farm project offers many opportunities for you and your community. Should this project come to fruition, your local community can look forward to benefits including job creation, funding to support the community, and reduced energy costs for homes and businesses through the Government-led Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS).

Our community liaison team will be calling to people in the local area, and we would invite you to meet with us over the coming weeks. If you would like to contact us to arrange a visit, please do not hesitate to do so on the contact details located at the back of this booklet.

■ The need for this project

Projects like Islandmore Wind Farm enable communities to utilise their own natural resources and provide clean affordable energy solutions that reduce carbon emissions and our dependence on expensive fossil fuels.

Electricity prices have put huge pressure on households and businesses, especially as the cost of living continues to rise. Recently, some providers have begun to reduce the price of electricity thanks to the increase in renewable energy on the Irish grid. However, to keep these prices stable, there must be a continued supply of clean energy. Irish wind farms will protect consumers now and into the future by reducing our dependency on imported fossil fuels.

The impacts of climate change on our world are indisputable. We are all being challenged to consider the role we play in climate action. Renewable energy sources not only reduce our reliance on imported, polluting fossil fuels but they also ensure security of supply through climate-driven disruptions.

The nearby Largan Hill Wind Farm is already a symbol of how the community have adapted to the challenges of climate change and are making the most of their natural resources.

■ Different perspectives

The shift to a low-carbon economy will require some changes in Ireland's landscape and we understand that renewable energy projects may generate mixed views within communities. Some people may find wind turbines aesthetically pleasing and symbolic of a better future, while others may dislike their appearance. Our goal is to provide accurate information on our plans and to seek feedback on the following aspects: how to design this project in a way that maximises its sustainability and suitability for the local area, and how the associated Community Benefit Fund (CBF) could make a meaningful contribution to the lives of local people.



■ This proposal

We believe this this proposal has the capacity to deliver climate action while bringing very real benefits to the local area and its people.

This proposal is to develop a 13-turbine wind farm in the vicinity of Islandmore and Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. Communities in this area have a long history of renewable energy. In 1906, they were among the first places in Ireland to have electric lights, powered by a hydroelectric and battery plant on the Lung River. Today, this area has been identified as a suitable location to generate clean and green electricity. The project would use modern turbines that are efficient, quiet and reliable.

This wind energy proposal is a strategic infrastructure project (SID) as it has an output that is in excess of 50MW and qualifies for to be submitted directly to An Bord Pleanála for planning approval.

A Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) is a development which is of strategic economic or social importance to a local area.

It is important to Statkraft that our projects fit well in their surroundings and are considered in terms of the climate change challenges we are currently facing. It is also vital that they are appropriate for the area and suitably located. In addition, these projects bring real benefits to local people and support the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of local areas. Local appropriateness is a fundamental consideration, so continued community feedback on the design proposal is very welcome.



A full project overview can be found at:

www.islandmorewindfarm.ie

Or by scanning the QR code.

■ This Proposal At A Glance

- 13 turbine project.
- Over 58 MW of renewable energy to the Irish electricity grid.
- Zero shadow flicker policy.
- Height of turbine up to a maximum of 185 M.
- Total Community Benefit Fund of circa €4 million, depending on the final design.
- Over €800,000 a year in annual rates payments to Roscommon County Council. These rates go towards public services including street lighting, libraries, footpath and road upkeep.
- Associated works will include access tracks, met mast, turbine foundations and hard standing areas, drainage works, temporary site compound, grid systems services, substation, underground electrical and communications cables between turbines and an underground cable to connect the proposed project to a local substation.
- All cables underground.



■ Typical configuration





■ How this project has evolved over time

At the initial stages of consideration, designers drafted a project outline that would maximise the wind energy potential of the site. Placing local appropriateness as a fundamental consideration, further optimisation of this design was carried out. Following feedback received during initial community engagement, distance to houses, number of turbines, shadow flicker and noise were also considered. It was found that it was possible to increase the distances to houses, reduce turbine numbers further and improve general performance levels of the proposed wind farm by increasing the tip height by 35m.

The design changes are set out in the table below:

Islandmore Project Evolution	Concept Design	Current Design Proposal
Distance to Houses	500m	Between 600 and 740m, depending on turbine height
Number of Turbines	15	13
Shadow Flicker	In line with guidelines	Eliminated
Turbine Height	150m	Varying between 150m and 185m
Potential Capacity	c. 52MW	c. 58MW

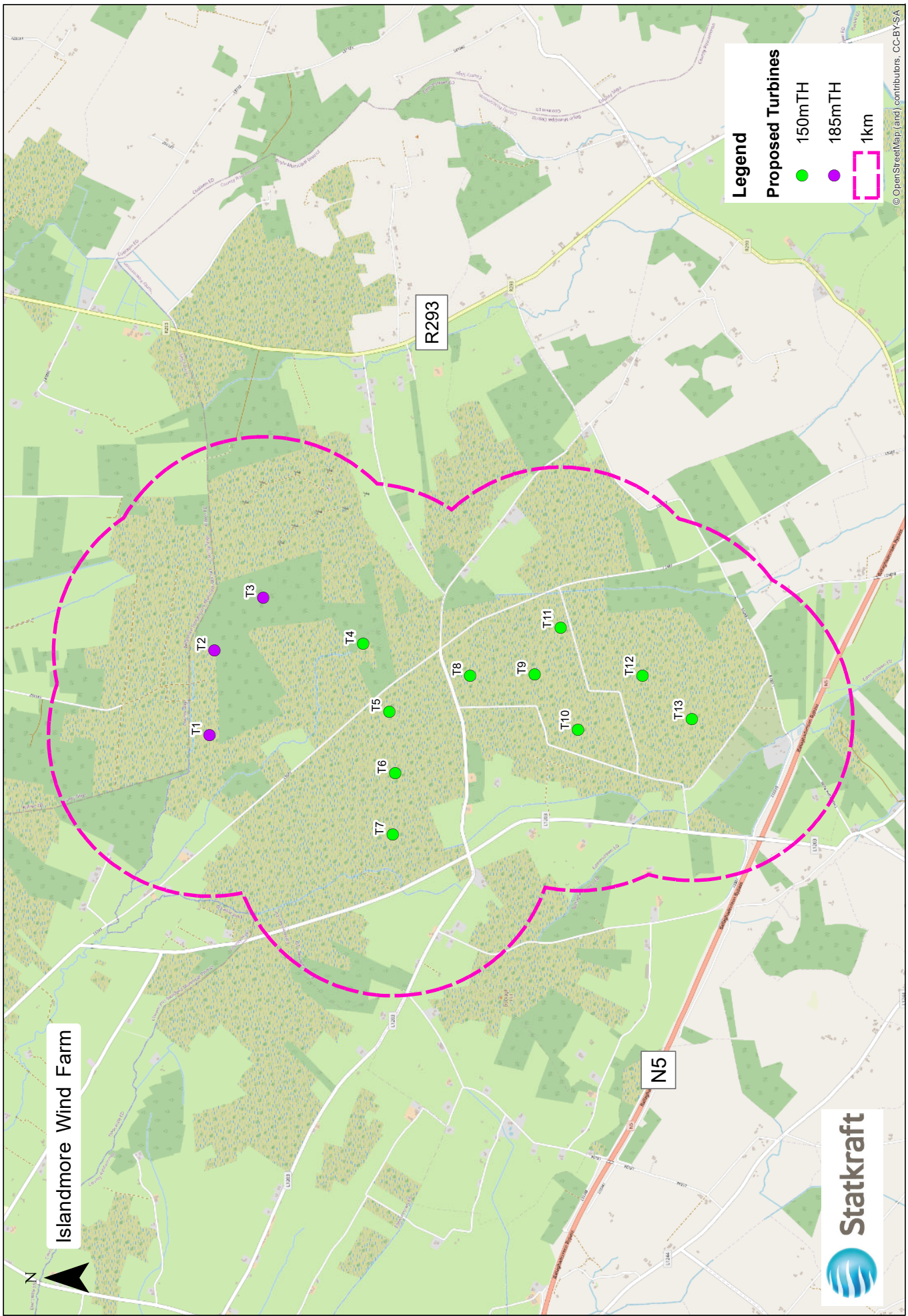
■ Design stages

This proposal is still at design stage and as such details of the proposal may change. Our community engagement team will be working in the area to ensure that information is available and that you have an opportunity to discuss the various aspects of this proposal.

Overview of the Design Stages		
Design Stage	% Design	Description
Initial Scoping	0 - 40%	Based on high level information
Preliminary Layout	40% - 80%	Fluid and frequently open to change
Design Layout	80% - 100%	Sufficiently fixed to allow meaningful discussion
Planning Layout	100%	Fixed for presentation to the appropriate planning authority



■ Site Map





■ Community Benefit Fund

A dedicated CBF is a great way to invest in sustainable, local initiatives that benefit the entire community. The funds are directly linked to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (below) and focus on areas such as sustainable communities, climate action, decent work and economic growth, and quality education.

The Islandmore Wind Farm, as proposed, could bring with it funding in the region of an estimated **€275,000 each year, or over €4 million** over a 15-year period. Below are some examples of what has been considered in other areas where we have worked and might give a good indication of what can be achieved and advanced locally.

- Direct benefit schemes, such as near neighbour payments
- Energy efficiency schemes for households
- Funding for local heritage initiatives
- Job creation and investment into local economy
- Tourism development
- Funding for recreation projects such as sports clubs and local amenities
- Support for local education schemes
- Biodiversity initiatives

■ Local people know the local area best

In all communities, it's the local people who are the experts of their own area. You, the people, have the best knowledge of the area's strengths, weaknesses, needs and goals. As a community you are best placed to recognise opportunities and create innovative initiatives and we think that the CBF from this project could bring great benefits for the local area.

The fundamental principle of any community benefit package that we roll out is that we seek to work with local people to deliver increased environmental, economic, and social sustainability to local communities.

■ What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a “blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all”. The SDGs were set up in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by 2030.

Renewable energy projects and the UN SDGs can have a positive impact on Irish society now and in the future by enhancing environmental, social and economic well-being. Renewable energy projects can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy security, create green jobs and foster innovation. The UN SDGs can provide a framework for addressing the most pressing challenges facing humanity, such as poverty, inequality, climate change, health, education and peace.



■ Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS)

Guidance on how the Community Benefit Funds associated with RESS projects are to be administered is centred around community decision-making. Therefore, decisions on what will be funded will rest with the local community in the form of a specially formed committee. This means that the community has a direct say in how the project benefits their local area. The local communities in this area have a great history in community involvement and that involvement will be key to the success of the fund. The guidance on how the fund will be divided includes allocations for: nearby houses, not-for-profit community enterprises aligned with the UN SDGs, administration fees, and initiatives proposed by clubs and societies. The CBF is a great opportunity for local communities to play a central role in the transition to a zero-carbon, more sustainable, future.

■ Project sustainability

Our ambition is to contribute to a more sustainable future for all. At the same time, the way we develop our projects in local communities must be sustainable and responsible – and we are guided by the SDGs. The sustainability of the project is also strengthened by delivering climate action and by ensuring a responsible supply chain. Supply chain management covers health and safety, environment and climate, human rights, labour rights, and business ethics. Statkraft is an active business supporter of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. For every wind farm we build, there is the potential to build environmentally sustainable measures into the project design. Wind farms can make a positive contribution to the habitat types and diversity of an area through several measures including: planting wildflower meadows; providing sections of species-rich grass; improving hedgerows; tree planting, and providing bird nesting. A Biodiversity Management Plan will be provided as part of the planning submission. We see that biodiversity will be integral to the project and our goal is to help maximise the potential for the area. Wildflower meadows, bird boxes and insect hotels are among the measures included in our management plan.

Please contact us if you have any ideas for further enhancing the biodiversity of the area.

■ Our sustainable energy future

There are many challenges that we face in terms of energy security, climate change and global instability. But we can be optimistic about the future. Ireland is on the right path to decarbonisation and has ambitious targets when it comes to climate action. Renewable energy is a vital part of a cleaner, more sustainable future. Support for appropriate, well-thought-out projects like this one will make a positive contribution to the country, and the world, for generations to come.

■ Our obligations and responsibilities

As a developer of renewable energy, and as a society in general, we have a responsibility to do what is right, and to do so in the right way. We would hope that our first steps in the development of this proposal will be recognised as open, transparent, and respectful. Addressing climate change and energy security warrant nothing less. Should this proposal come to fruition, it is our responsibility to operate the wind farm in a responsible way. This is something we take very seriously. During consultation, our objective is not to seek support for the proposal but to provide information to allow you to develop your own considered opinion, based on accurate information, on what this proposal has to offer. As this process develops, we will continue to work with you to ensure that this wind farm delivers effective climate action while also delivering for the local area.





For more information, visit the following websites

www.windenergyireland.com Wind Energy Ireland (WEI)	www.epa.ie Environmental Protection Agency
www.seai.ie Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI)	www.gsi.ie Geological Survey Ireland
www.un.org/climatechange UN Climate Change Website	www.npws.ie National Parks and Wildlife Service
www.climatecouncil.ie Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council	www.roscommon.ie Roscommon County Council
www.sligococo.ie Sligo County Council	www.mayo.ie Mayo County Council

Talk to our Community Liaison Team

The Community Liaison Team have many years' experience in both wind energy and working with communities. While they are very knowledgeable about renewable energy projects, they also appreciate the fact that individuals and communities have different thoughts on what works in their individual areas. The team are available to provide information on this proposal or indeed the wider issues of climate action. We would encourage anyone who has an interest in this proposal to get in touch with us using the contact details below.

■ Dedicated Website

There is a dedicated project website in place where all information and updates relevant to the project will be posted. Please do have a look at the information provided.

If you have any further questions, you can contact our dedicated Community Liaison Officer on the contact details provided below.



www.islandmorewindfarm.ie



"Climate change is a fundamental problem that we must solve and not merely pass on to the generations to come. We can't let our children and grandchildren look back on this critical period in time and say that we failed them." Mary Robinson



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■ How this project has evolved over time

Islandmore project evolution	Concept design	Further design iteration	Current and final design proposal
Distance to houses	500m	Between 600m and 740m depending on turbine height	Between 600m and 740m depending on turbine height
Number of turbines	15	13	10
Shadow flicker	In line with guidelines	Eliminated	Eliminated
Turbine height	150m	Varying between 150m and 185m	Varying between 150m and 185m
Potential capacity	c.52MW	c.58MW	c. 53MW
Planning authority	An Board Pleanála	An Board Pleanála	An Board Pleanála

■ Talk to your dedicated Community Liaison Officer

The Community Liaison Officer for this project is Eva Hill. She is also supported by a dedicated team who have years of experience in both renewable energy and community development. The team are available to provide information on this proposal or indeed the wider issues of climate action. We would encourage anyone who has an interest in this proposal or wider environmental, cultural or recreational development to get in touch with us using the contact details overleaf.



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Islandmore
Wind Farm

Proposal

Q4 2024





■ Thank you for your engagement

We believe that understanding the local area, its people, environment, and history forms a core part of how we approach the design, development, and operation of renewable energy projects. This project's dedicated Community Liaison Team are committed to visiting and speaking with as many households in the locality as possible and would firstly like to thank the community for their patience and feedback thus far. Through engagement, we have developed a deeper appreciation for the local area, which we increasingly recognise as a region rich in music, culture, and heritage. We are excited to continue working together to preserve and celebrate them into the future.

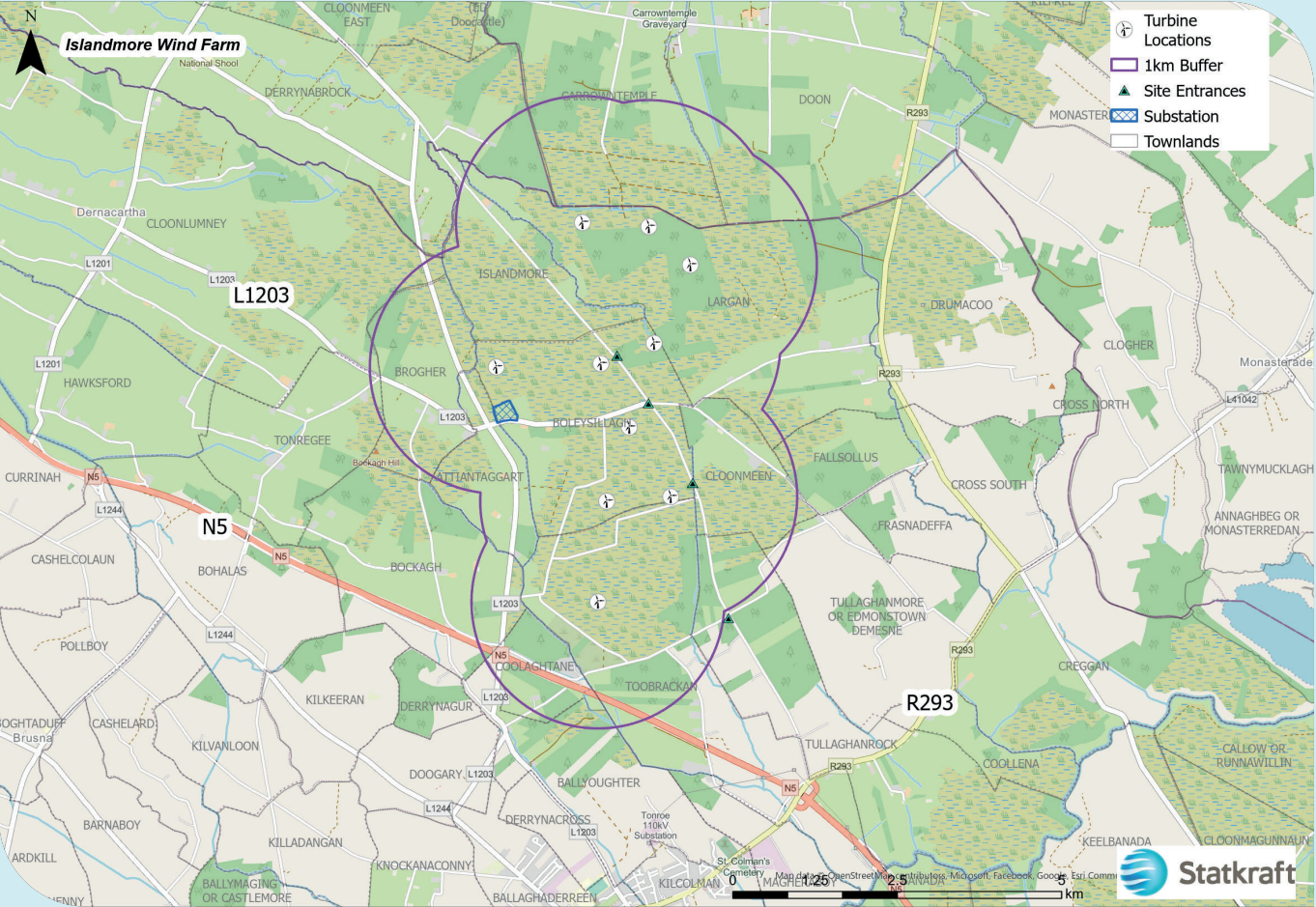
As part of Statkraft's commitment to community engagement, we strive to build strong, lasting relationships with the communities. We believe that by working closely with you, we can develop projects that not only meet Ireland's current and future energy needs but also reflect the values, expectations and ambitions of the local community.



Please scan the QR code to receive project update emails from our project team including updates on the upcoming photomontages, the planning submission date and any consequent planning decisions. Alternatively, project updates will be available on our dedicated project website, or you can directly contact our Community Liaison Officer using the details at the back of this brochure.



■ Site Map



■ This proposal

We believe this proposal has the capacity to deliver climate action while bringing very real benefits to the local area and its people. This proposal is to develop 53MW in the vicinity of the Brogher and Bolesyllagh areas near Ballaghaderreen in Co. Roscommon. The project is currently nearing a design freeze which means the layout of the project will not change between now and when the planning application is submitted. The location under consideration was initially identified following a review of areas that could allow for a development of this type and the project has been designed so that protected habitats are respected and preserved.

■ Project at a glance

- 10 turbines
 - 53 MW/h
 - Turbine heights: 3 turbines of 185m, and 7 turbines of 150m
 - Zero shadow flicker policy
 - Community Benefit Fund of €265,000 per year for 15 years
- Annual rate payments c. €1 million a year
 - Associated works will include access tracks, met mast, turbine foundations and hard standing areas, drainage works, temporary site compound, grid system services, substation, underground electrical and communications cable to connect the proposed project to a local substation

■ Benefits for you and your community

This project will bring with it a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) in the region of an estimated €265,000 each year for 15 years. The local residents that are hosting this project will decide how these funds are used. The fundamental principle of the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) is that we seek to work with local people to deliver improved funding and sustainability to households and the wider local communities. Statkraft will support in creating a steering committee that ensures the community itself decides how to use the funding to deliver and support projects that have enduring economic, social and cultural benefits.

Below are some ideas that could either be introduced or further supported, as well as initiatives rolled out previously at other project locations.

- Retrofitting housing schemes
- Energy efficiency schemes
- Educational and childcare supports
- Funding for local heritage initiatives
- Community spaces for locals to connect and create
- Biodiversity initiatives



■ Strategic Infrastructure Development

As this proposal has a wind energy output of over 50MW, a direct submission to An Bord Pleanála as a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application is a requirement. Roscommon County

Council will be expected to review and actively input on any submission. As required, we will also submit an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) with this application.

SID is a development which is of strategic economic or social importance to Ireland, the region or local areas

■ Next steps

A planning application for the Islandmore Wind Farm will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by Q2 2025. A separate planning application will be submitted for the associated substation and grid route towards the end of 2025. Once the planning has been submitted all the relevant planning documentation will be available to view on the An Bord Pleanála website and on the Project SID website outlined above. The Project Update Subscription Service will also ensure that you will receive project updates in relation to the planning submission and any consequent planning decisions via email and/or SMS.

A complete series of images, along with detailed maps, will be available to view on the dedicated virtual consultation room



Islandmore Wind Farm Ltd.

Planning Submission Update
Q3 2025



Thank you for your engagement

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for taking the time to engage with our team and for the valuable feedback and you've shared with us over the past two years. Your input has been and continues to be an important part in shaping the Islandmore Wind Farm proposal to better serve the community. We will continue to be available by phone and email throughout the project's lifespan, should it secure planning approval.

A dedicated Islandmore Virtual Consultation Room has been created which provides information on the Environmental Impact Assessment process and the benefits to the local community that the project could provide under the current RESS guidelines. Additionally, project photomontages, which will give an overall visual representation of the turbines in the landscape, will be available to view prior to the submission of the planning application. The VCR also gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and feedback.

Islandmore VCR



Next steps

This project will be submitted over two planning applications.

- 1) A planning application for the Islandmore Wind Farm will be submitted in Q3 2025. As the project is being submitted to An Bord Pleanála, the planning documentation will be available to view on the project SID website www.islandmorewindfarmsid.ie.
- 2) A separate planning application for the wind farm substation and grid connection will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in 2026.

To receive an email notifying you of the upcoming planning submissions and the upload of the project photomontages, please sign up to our Project Update Subscription Form using the QR at the bottom of the page or by contacting us directly using the contact details below.

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Project Update Subscription Form



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For more information, please visit the following websites

www.seai.ie Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI)	www.epa.ie Environmental Protection Agency
www.un.org/climatechange UN Climate Change Website	www.windenergyireland.ie Wind Energy Ireland
www.climatecouncil.ie Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council	www.roscommoncoco.ie Roscommon County Council

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Planning Submission Update | Q1 2026

Thank you for your engagement and we appreciate your patience

Since our last brochure in June 2025, the Islandmore Wind Farm design has continued to evolve in response to both community feedback and technical assessments. The updates to this proposal include some **turbine micro-siting** and **the alignment of the grid and Turbine Delivery Route (TDR)** to minimise disruption to local routes.

Progress on the planning application has also been influenced by the introduction of the Renewable Energy Directive III (RED III), which required additional inputs from our consultants. These updates will ensure that the overall proposal meets the latest environmental and regulatory standards.

In this brochure, you'll find the updated project map, updates on the planning process, and links to further information on our project website.

The Statkraft Community Engagement Team will continue to be available throughout the planning period. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the project or have specific questions, we are happy to arrange a one-to-one meeting at a time that suits you.

Please see the contact details at the back of this brochure.

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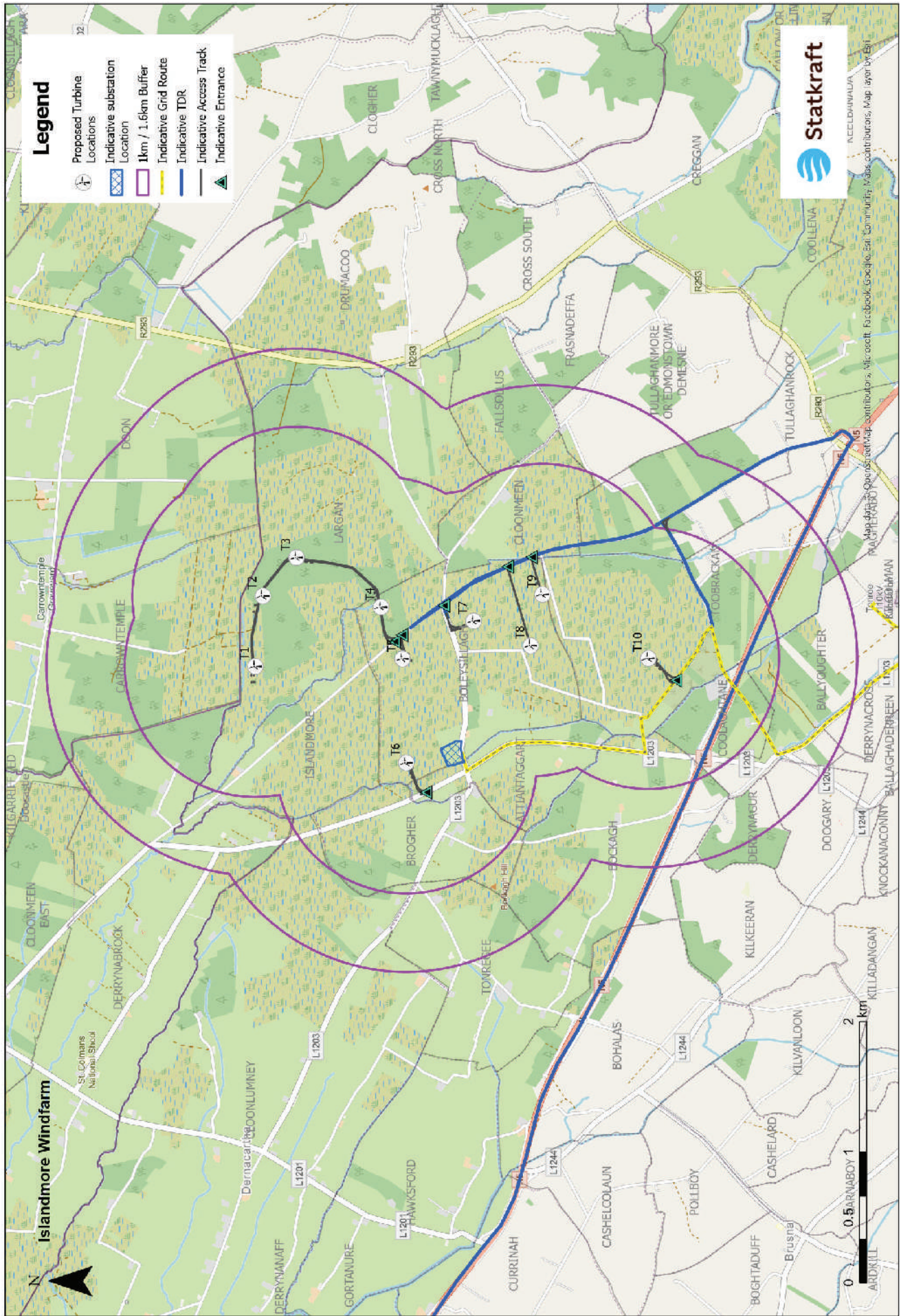
A new Islandmore Virtual Consultation Room is currently being created and will become available in the very near future. It will include new features such as:

1. Photomontages.
2. A tool to measure the nearest proposed turbine to your residence.
3. A feedback survey.

To access these features please use the QR code alongside or visit the Islandmore project website.



Site Map



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Date: October 2026

Islandmore Windfarm Planning Update

Dear Resident,

Statkraft would like to sincerely thank you for your time, feedback, and engagement throughout the development period for the proposed Islandmore Wind Farm project. We appreciate the constructive input provided by you and local stakeholders, which has helped inform the design of the project.

We would also like to thank the community for its patience while Statkraft has been finalising the planning application for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP). The introduction of the EU's updated Renewable Energy Directive (RED III) brought new planning and regulatory requirements for renewable energy projects. Interpreting these new requirements led to unforeseen challenges and the subsequent delay in lodging the planning application. Statkraft now expects to submit the planning application to ACP in October 2026.

There have been no material changes made to the proposed project since the last round of community engagement in February 2026. The planning application being submitted reflects the project as previously presented during community consultation.

Statkraft remains committed to open and transparent engagement with the local community and remains available to answer any questions or provide further information. Thank you once again for your engagement and patience.

Kind Regards
George O'Connor
Head of Comms and Stakeholder Management.
Statkraft Ireland.

Islandmore Wind Farm Proposal

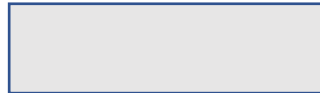
Sorry We Missed You

Please find our booklet on the proposed Islandmore wind farm. This booklet provides an overview of the project, along with an introduction to and our Community Liaison Team. You can also scan the QR Codes at the back of this card to access the project website and subscribe to project updates.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries regarding this proposal.

Kind Regards

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Dear Cllr,

I'm writing to inform you that we're in the process of finalising plans for the Islandmore Wind Farm proposal which will be submitted to An Bord Plenála for planning in Q2 2025. This proposal involves the installation of 10 turbines in the Islandmore area, circa 8km north of Ballaghderreen. There will be a subsequent planning application for the associated grid connection and substation in 2025.

As part of our commitment to community engagement, Statkraft has a dedicated community engagement team which has been visiting households, seeking feedback on the proposal and providing project information booklets and direction to a dedicated project website since 2023.

The project under current RESS guidelines would have a Community Benefit Fund of €2 per megawatt-hour (MWh) circa €250,000 / year for 15 years. This fund aims to support the economic, environmental, social, and cultural well-being of the local community. Additionally, the project will contribute to sustainable community initiatives, benefiting those living near the project.

I have attached a copy of our most recent project brochure. As the project evolves, new information will be added to the dedicated website www.islandmorewindfarm.ie. Queries can be forwarded by email to: enquiries@islandmorewindfarm.ie

We value your input and look forward to engaging with you throughout this process. Together, we can create a sustainable future for Ireland.

Kind regards,
George O'Connor
Head of Comms and Stakeholder Engagement
On behalf of the Statkraft Ireland Community Engagement team.



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