

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development Roscommon County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Islandmore Wind Farm Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a ten-year permission in relation to a renewable energy development extending to a total site area of 157 hectares in the townlands of Largan, Boleyslilagh, Cloonmeen, Toobrackan, and Tullaghanrock, County Roscommon.

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive (EU) 2023/2413) and the planning application is subject to a completeness check under Section 37JA of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. When a notice issues in accordance with Section 37JA(b), the provisions of Article 26A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2025 shall apply.

The proposed development will comprise the following:-

- i. 3 no. wind turbines with a hub height of 104 metres, a rotor diameter of 162 metres and an overall tip height of 185 metres;
- ii. 7 no. wind turbines with a hub height of 82 metres, a rotor diameter of 136 metres and an overall tip height of 150 metres;
- iii. All associated turbine foundations and crane hardstanding areas;
- iv. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling;
- v. Construction of approximately 4 kilometres of wind farm access tracks;
- vi. Construction of 6 no. site entrances and upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance;
- vii. 2 no. temporary construction compounds;
- viii. 1 no. borrow pit which, when exhausted, will be utilised to permanently store excess excavated material;
- ix. The storage, as required, of excavated material at dedicated spoil deposition areas;
- x. Felling of approximately 6.5 hectares of commercial forestry plantation to facilitate the construction and operation of wind farm infrastructure;
- xi. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works, permanent and temporary works to public roads along the turbine component haul route, the provision of site drainage infrastructure and environmental mitigation measures; and,
- xii. A 40-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this planning application.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement include an assessment of the likely significant effects of the proposed development both individually and in combination with the relevant off-site or secondary developments which will occur as a direct result of the proposed development including those for which planning permission is not currently being applied. The off-site and secondary developments assessed within the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement include:-

- i. The proposed development's grid connection infrastructure which comprises a 110 kilovolt electricity substation located in the townland of Boleyslilagh and approximately 7 kilometres of 110 kilovolt underground electricity line located within the townlands of Boleyslilagh, Cloonmeen, Tullaghanrock, Toobrackan, Coolaghane, Ballyoughter, and Derrnacross, County Roscommon; and,
- ii. Temporary accommodation works along the turbine component haul route comprising the removal of street furniture and road signage, trimming of roadside vegetation and temporary hardcoring of roadside verges located within the townlands of Wellpark, Ballybaan Beg, Doughiska, Caranduff, Killeelaun, Kilmore, Kilcloghans, Banagher, Carrton, and Milltown, County Galway, and Newtown South, Ballindine East, Ballindine North, Lugalsheen North, and Ballyglass East, County Mayo.

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 shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 28 October 2026 at the following locations:-

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902; and,
- The Offices of Roscommon County Council, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, County Roscommon, F42 VR98.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may also be viewed or downloaded on the following website: www.islandmorewindfarm.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála ("the Commission"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902; or via the Commission's website www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations; during the abovementioned period of seven weeks relating to:-

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development; 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 or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Commission not later than 5.30 p.m. on 16 December 2026. Such submissions or observations must also 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 the application should be sent; and
- The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- The reasons, consideration 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 Commission. The Commission 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 Commission may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to:-

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval; or
- (ii) 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
- (iii) grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions; or
- (b) Refuse permission to grant the permission/approval.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Commission 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 Commission's website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website (www.citizensinformation.ie).