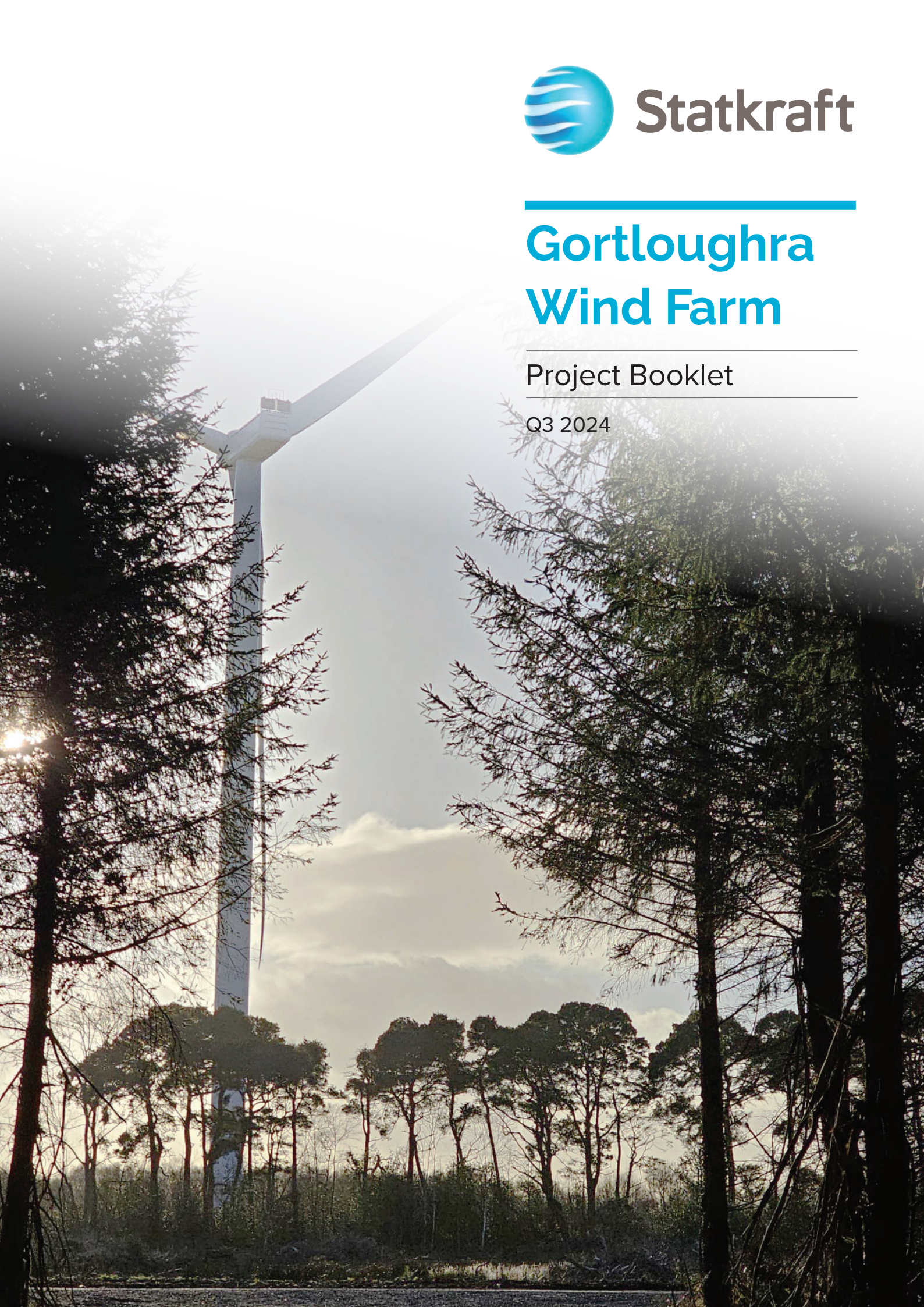

Gortloughra Wind Farm

Project Booklet

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■ Thank you for your engagement

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 have endeavoured over the past number of months to visit and speak with households in the locality and would firstly like to thank the community for their patience and feedback thus far.

Our team have developed a deeper understanding of the local area, which we increasingly appreciate as an area of high historical and cultural importance. The many archaeological sites and rich oral histories are something we have had the privilege to experience, and we hope that we can continue to work together to preserve and celebrate them into the future.

During our time speaking with residents, we also gained a greater understanding of the local community's main areas of inquiry in relation to the proposed development – these are detailed below.

We are currently conducting our second round of consultation and will continue to be available to meet with residents to discuss the project, and indeed any further suggestions you may have.



Please scan the QR code to receive project update emails from our project team in relation to this proposal, the turbine delivery route proposal and the subsequent grid and substation application. Alternatively, you can contact our CLO using the details at the back of this brochure.



■ Areas of interest

Below are some of the key areas that were discussed during the first round of community consultation:

Grid connection / substation

The substation and grid route application will be submitted as a separate Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application to An Bord Pleanála while the wind farm and turbine delivery route will be a planning application to Cork County Council. The assessments of the two possible grid route options will begin in early 2025.

Turbine delivery route

Based on community feedback, the indicative turbine delivery route map is provided in this brochure (see page 7) but is subject to a separate planning application.



■ Biodiversity and habitat management

We are still looking for feedback from the local community as to what they would like to see implemented in their area to improve local wildlife and habitats. Currently, we have allocated land within the project for strengthening the existing ecology on the site. We have a dedicated Sustainability Team at Statkraft Ireland who would greatly appreciate local input into any initiatives that would run alongside the wind farm development. A Biodiversity Management Plan will also be submitted along with the windfarm planning application – this will outline the measures that our construction and operations team will put in place to protect and restore the wildlife in the project area.

■ Benefits for you and your community

This project will bring with it a Community Benefit Fund in the region of an estimated €237,000 each year for 15 years. What that means for your community into the future is entirely up to you – the community. It is you who will decide how these funds are used. The fundamental principle of the RESS is that we seek to work with local people to deliver improved 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.

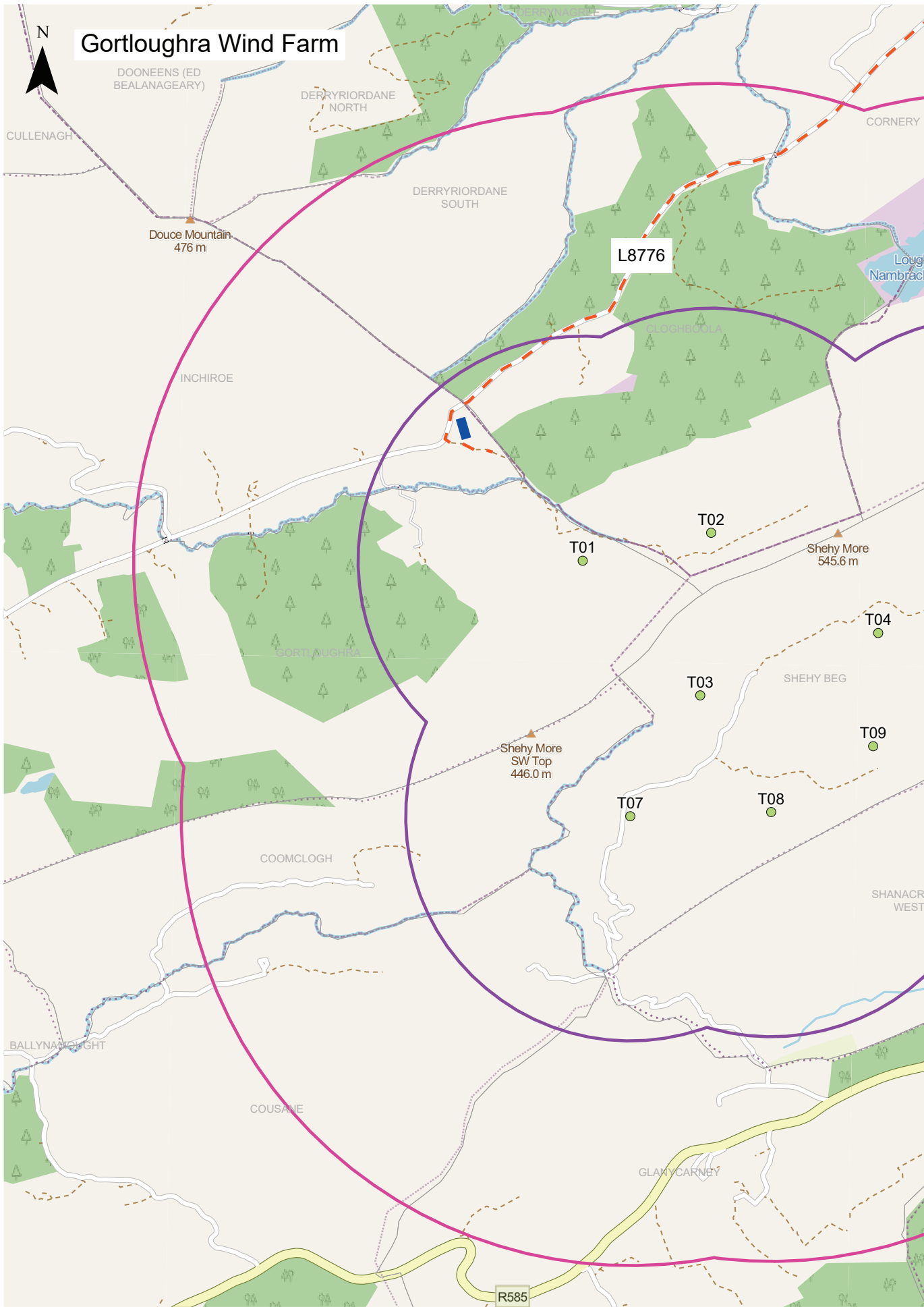
- Retrofitting housing schemes
- Energy efficiency schemes
- Educational and childcare supports
- Funding for local heritage initiatives
- Community spaces for locals to connect and create
- Biodiversity initiatives

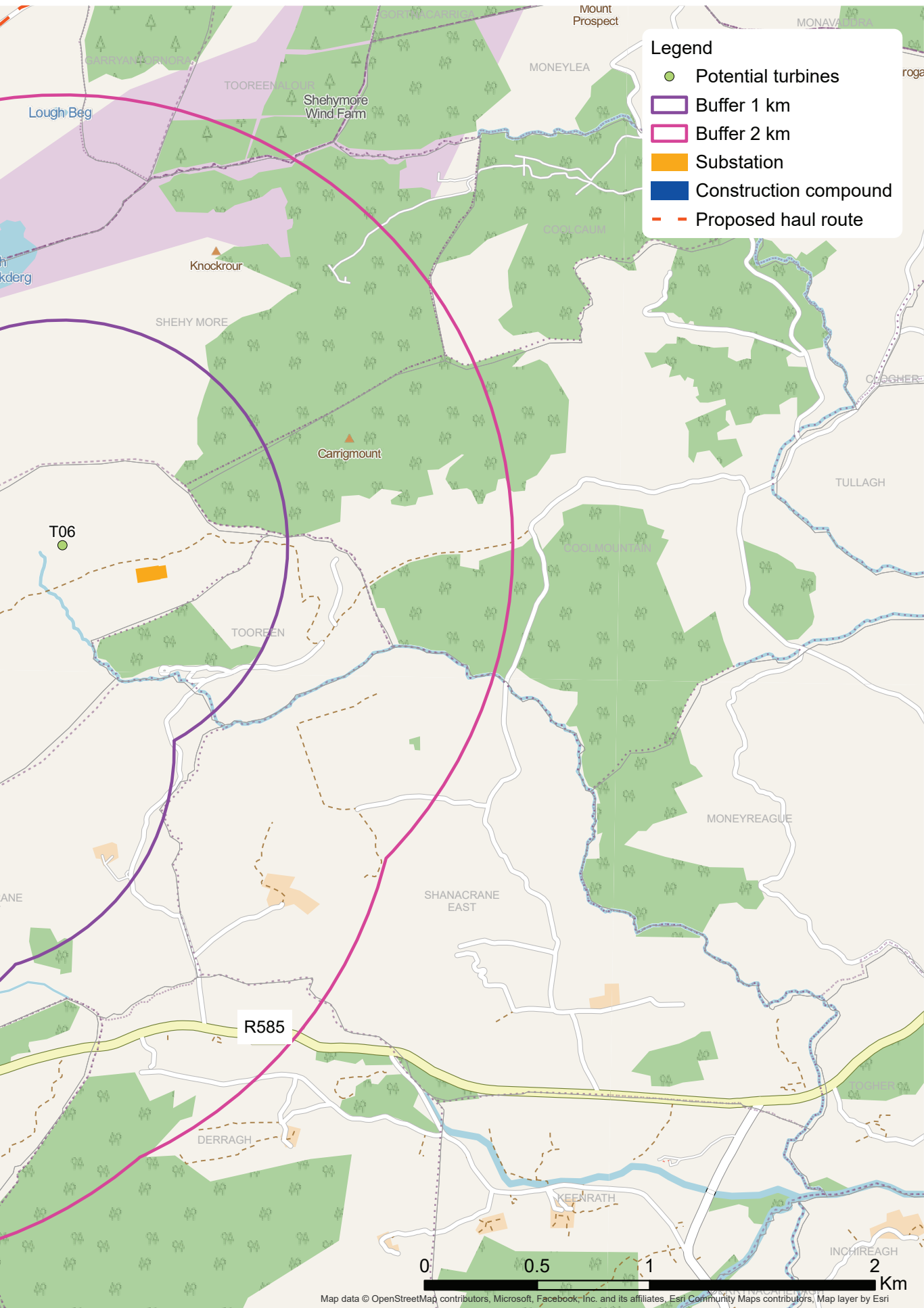
Near Neighbour payments will also be available should the project come to fruition. When Statkraft purchased the project from Empower Renewables, a number of agreements were already in place – agreements that we intend to honour. This included a pledge of €500 per household per year for houses within 1-2km of the project, while under current RESS guidelines, households within 1km receive €1,000 per annum for 15 years.

■ Project benefits at a glance

- Total Community Benefit Fund of circa €3.5 million over 15 years, depending on the final design
- Near Neighbour payments will be associated with the project in line with RESS guidelines
- Recreational, community and biodiversity improvements associated with the development
- Annual rates payments to Cork County Council of over €15.4 million over the project lifetime
- Distance to nearest turbine – over 700m









■ Photomontages



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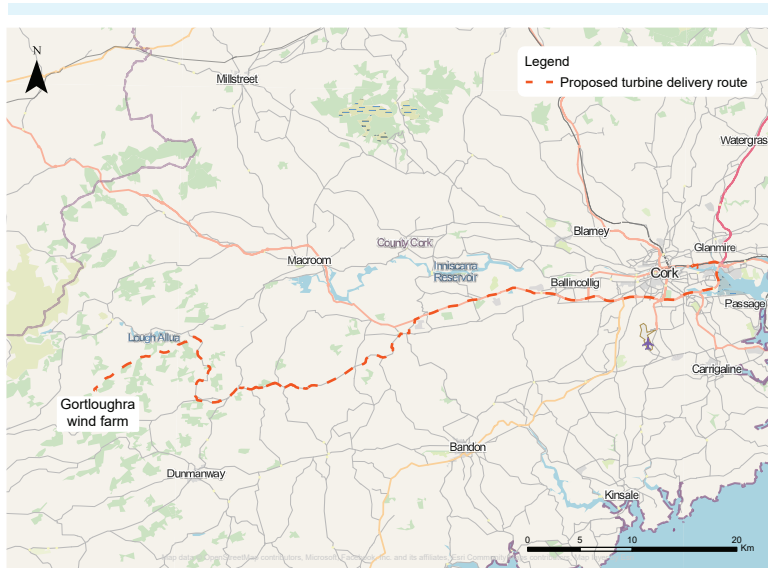
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A complete series of images along with detailed maps will be available to view on the dedicated virtual consultation room.





Proposed turbine delivery route



Project information

- 8-turbine project
- Turbine heights of 175m
- 48MW of renewable energy to the Irish electricity grid
- Underground cable to connect the on-site substation to an off-site substation, either at Carrigdangan or Dunmanway
- Associated works will include access tracks, 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
- Zero shadow flicker policy

Project Timeline



Next steps

This project will be submitted over three planning applications. A planning application for the Gortloughra Wind Farm will be submitted later this year. As the project is being submitted to Cork County Council, the planning documentation will be available to view on the Council’s website at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en>. A separate planning application for the turbine delivery route will be submitted to Cork County Council in 2025.

An additional planning application for the wind farm substation and grid connection will be submitted to An Board Pleanála in 2025.

Our obligations and responsibilities

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.corkcoco.ie Cork County Council
www.localenterprise.ie/green Local Enterprise Office	

Talk to our 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 wind 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 below.

■ Dedicated Website

There is a dedicated project website (www.gortloughrawindfarm.ie) in place where all information and updates relevant to the project will be posted. You can also share your feedback on the project on the website.

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



Privacy Policy

Here at Statkraft we take your privacy seriously and we treat your information with respect. To facilitate environmental safety management systems and to ensure appropriate assessment and development; consultation and domiciliary data within the study area is collected. For more information about how Statkraft processes personal data, please consult our general privacy policy at <https://www.statkraft.ie/privacy-statement/> – or you can also direct any specific questions you have to privacy@statkraft.com

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