### ■ Sustainability

Our ambition is to contribute to a more sustainable future for all. We are committed to developing our projects in a manner that aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The positive impacts of our projects are naturally concentrated around goals 7, 12 and 13.

These goals guide our actions and help us deliver impactful climate action while maintaining a responsible supply chain. Our supply chain management encompasses critical aspects such as health and safety, environment and climate, human rights, labour rights, and business ethics.

Statkraft Ireland is dedicated to pioneering sustainability in every project we undertake. As a proud Business Supporter of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, we emphasise the importance of biodiversity. We believe that individual responsibility, combined with collective action, can significantly enhance our environment.

With the support of the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) and active community participation, our solar farms are designed to incorporate environmentally sustainable measures that can transform local habitats.

These measures include:

- Planting wildflower meadows
- Providing sections of species-rich grass
- Improving hedgerows
- Tree planting
- Installing bird and insect boxes where needed



Learn more about SDGs:

A comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan will be included in our planning submission, with biodiversity at the core of our design. Our goal is to maximise the ecological potential of each area we develop. Wildflower meadows, bird boxes, and insect hotels are just a few of the initiatives we will integrate into our projects, ensuring that our efforts bring tangible benefits to the environment and the community.

With the combined efforts of Statkraft, RESS, and our community, we are confident in our ability to deliver projects that not only meet today's energy needs but also foster a sustainable and thriving ecosystem for future generations.



### ■ Next steps

This proposal is still at design stage and as such details of the proposal may change. Our community engagement team highly values your feedback on the proposal before design freeze. We will be visiting households to present the final design after we have compiled all feedback and spoken to the design team, and we want to ensure you have ample opportunity to discuss the various aspects of this proposal. We would like to hear how you think that this proposal could work best in the area, how you think it could bring the most benefit to the local area and to discuss any queries or concerns that you might have.

## 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.gsi.ie Geological Survey Ireland
www.climatecouncil.ie Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council	www.tipperarycoco.ie Tipperary County Council

# Talk to our Community Liaison Officer

The Community Liaison Officer for this project is John Lowry who is also supported by a dedicated team who have years of experience in renewables 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. This also provides you with the opportunity to share your feedback. 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.

### Contact us

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# Patrick's Rock Solar

Q2 2025





### ■ Introduction

At Statkraft, we are 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. We have been operating in Ireland since 2018 developing projects across wind, solar and grid services, all supported by our dedicated teams in Cork and Tullamore.

As a leading renewable energy company, we are presenting the Patrick's Rock Solar proposal near Cashel.

This proposal aims to harness solar energy while contributing to Ireland's renewable energy targets and assist with providing a sustainable solution for the region's energy needs. Along with careful site selection, we also strive to respect and consider the local heritage and culture of the community.

Communities in Tipperary have long been a pioneer of energy. For decades you have played a key role in powering homes and business in this region and across the country. Today, this area has been identified as a suitable location to generate clean and green electricity using modern solar panels which are efficient, quiet and reliable.

### **■** Community engagement

Our goal is to harness Ireland's natural resources to produce clean energy ensuring a greener future for all with early and meaningful engagement playing a central role in how these projects are developed.

We understand that renewable energy projects may generate mixed views within communities. However, given the critical need for Ireland to have its own secure, sustainable energy supply, and what this project has the potential to deliver locally, we believe it is vital that everyone is given the opportunity to reach their own conclusion based on the merits of this proposal.

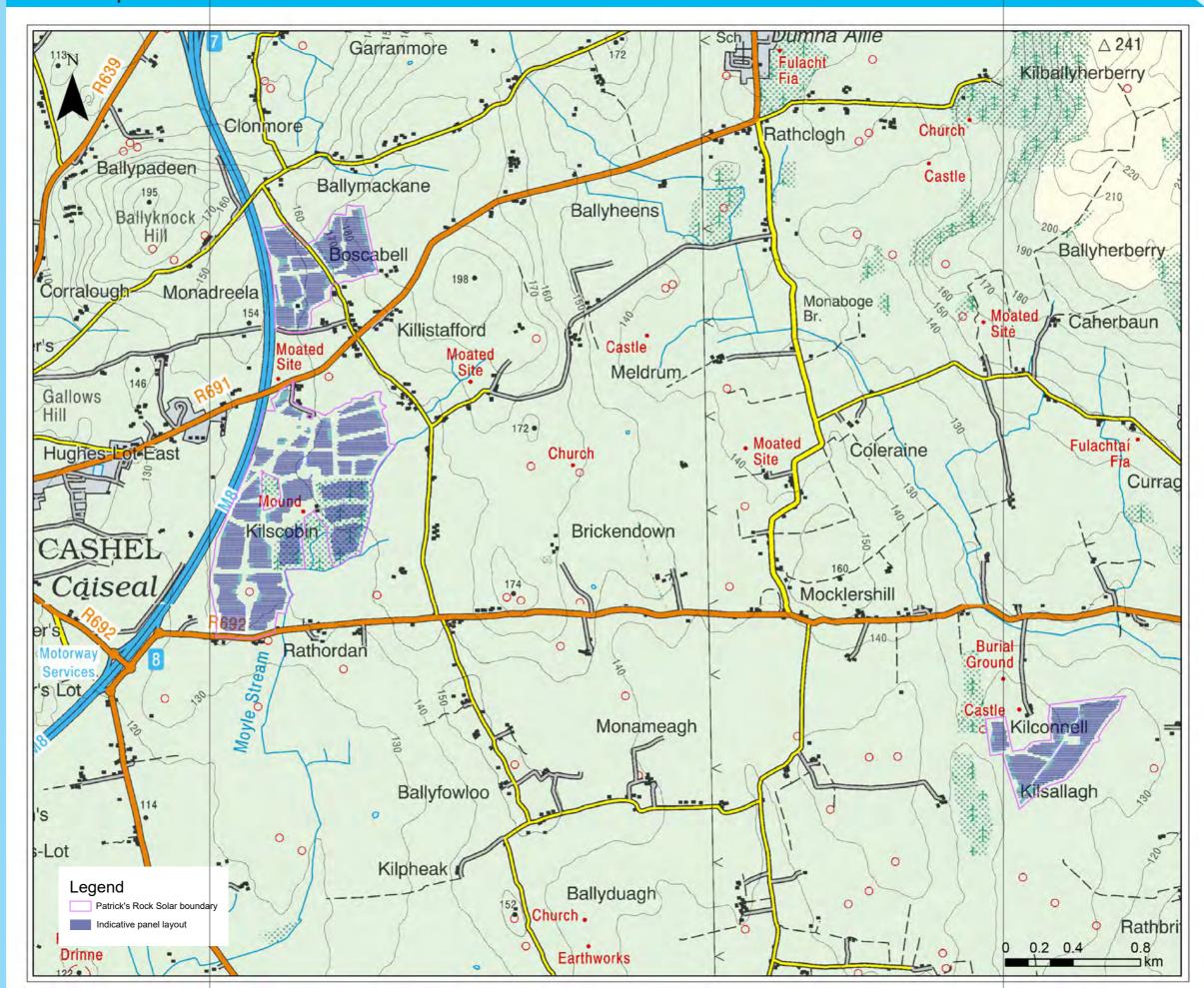
Our goal is to provide accurate information on our plans and to seek feedback on the following aspects: how to design this project in a way that maximises its sustainability and suitability for the local area, and how the associated Community Benefit Fund (CBF) could make a meaningful contribution to the lives of local people. Furthermore, by developing renewable energy projects, we aim to ensure safe, secure energy that can sustain the country's long-term needs, contributing to Ireland's energy independence and future development.

The proposed solar project addresses several critical needs:

- Reducing reliance on costly fossil fuels and lowering carbon emissions
- Meeting Ireland's renewable energy targets set by national and EU guidelines
- Providing a clean and reliable energy source
- Enhancing energy security



### ■ Site Map



### ■ Benefits for you and your community

The dedicated CBF is designed to support initiatives that align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Patrick's Rock Solar Farm, as proposed, could bring with it funding in the region of an estimated € 193,000 each year, or over €2.9 million over a 15-year period.

Projects that improve local wildlife habitats, celebrate culture and heritage, and promote inclusive economic opportunities may qualify for funding. 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
- Funding for amenity or equestrian trails
- Funding for local heritage initiatives
- Job creation and investment in the local economy
- Support for local education schemes
- Youth support schemes
- Biodiversity initiatives

### ■ Planning and Environmental Report

A Planning and Environmental Report will also be submitted, which will include a noise impact assessment, a glint and glare study, along with a full hydrology evaluation to ensure sustainable water management practices are in place.



## ■ This proposal at a glance

- 125 MWp energy to the Irish electricity grid
- 110kV on-site substation
- Capacity to power over 155,000 homes
- Total Community Benefit Fund of circa €2.9 million, depending on the final design
- 50M setback from all properties
- Local Authority development levies circa €337,000
- Photomontages will also be included as soon as they are available