#### **■** 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 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and 13 (Climate Action).

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.

#### An example of these measures include:

- Planting wildflower meadows
- Improving hedgerows

Learn more about SDGs:

- Tree planting
- Installing bird and insect boxes where needed



## ■ Benefits for you and your community

This project will bring with it a Community Benefit Fund in the region of an estimated €175,000 per year for 15 years. 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.

#### **Examples of these benefits could include:**

- 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

# ■ Next steps

A planning application for the Shronowen Solar project will be submitted to Kerry County Council Q3 2025. Once the planning has been submitted, all the relevant planning documentation will be available to view on the Council's website. A number of grid options are currently being evaluated and a separate planning application will be presented at a later date.

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## ■ For more information, please visit the following websites

www.seai.ie	<b>www.epa.ie</b>
Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI)	Environmental Protection Agency
www.un.org/climatechange	www.irishsolarenergy.org
UN Climate Change Website	Solar Ireland
www.climatecouncil.ie	www.kerrycoco.ie
Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council	Kerry County Council

### ■ Talk to our Community Liaison Officer

The Community Liaison Officer for this project is Stephen Gamble. He 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 below.

#### ■ Dedicated website

There is a dedicated project website (www.shronowensolar.ie) in place where all information, project updates and photomontages will be available. 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 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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# Statkraft

# Shronowen Solar Farm

Proposal | Q3 2025





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#### **■** Introduction

At Statkraft, we believe that a better, cleaner, and more sustainable world is possible to achieve and that by working together, we can avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

Since 2018, Statkraft has been developing renewable energy projects in Ireland and is committed to delivering affordable renewable energy onto the Irish grid system while working with communities to explore how these projects might work best in their local areas.

We understand that Kerry and its people have been early adopters to sustainable technologies and continue to be leaders in the energy transition in Ireland. Over the past century, our communities and energy usage have evolved significantly. From the initial electrification of Ireland's towns and villages using coal and gas-fired power stations, we are now transitioning away from peat, oil, and gas. Today we are moving towards the total electrification of our daily lives which will now, thanks to projects like these, be powered through clean and renewable energy.

Our community engagement team look forward to discussing our new solar farm proposal with you over the coming period. This project will complement our recently acquired, yet-to-be-developed Shronowen Wind Farm. Projects like the proposed Shronowen Solar Farm not only reduce our reliance on costly fossil fuels but they also allow us to harness our natural resources to produce clean energy that can deliver for the present, while safeguarding our future.

We sincerely wish to hear your views on how this proposal presented below can bring to most benefit to you and your community. Our goal is to develop a project that the community can accept and ultimately be proud of. Our Community Engagement Team will be in the locality visiting residents and we hope to speak with you soon.

Stephen Gamble and Eva Hill, our Community Liaison Team, are available to meet at a time that would suit you to discuss the project. If you would like to contact us to arrange a visit, please see the contact details at the end of this booklet.

#### ■ Who We are

As Europe's largest renewable energy producer, we have been making clean energy possible for over a century and continue to lead the way towards a carbon-free future.

At Statkraft Ireland we are committed to delivering affordable renewable energy to the Irish grid system and working with communities to explore how these projects might work best in their areas. As a generation, we have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in securing our own energy independence. In Ireland since 2018, we now employ over 140 people across our offices in Cork and Tullamore.

Statkraft Ireland's approach to project development is rooted in community engagement and environmental consideration, ensuring that projects like Shronowen not only advance clean energy goals but also respect local values and landscapes.

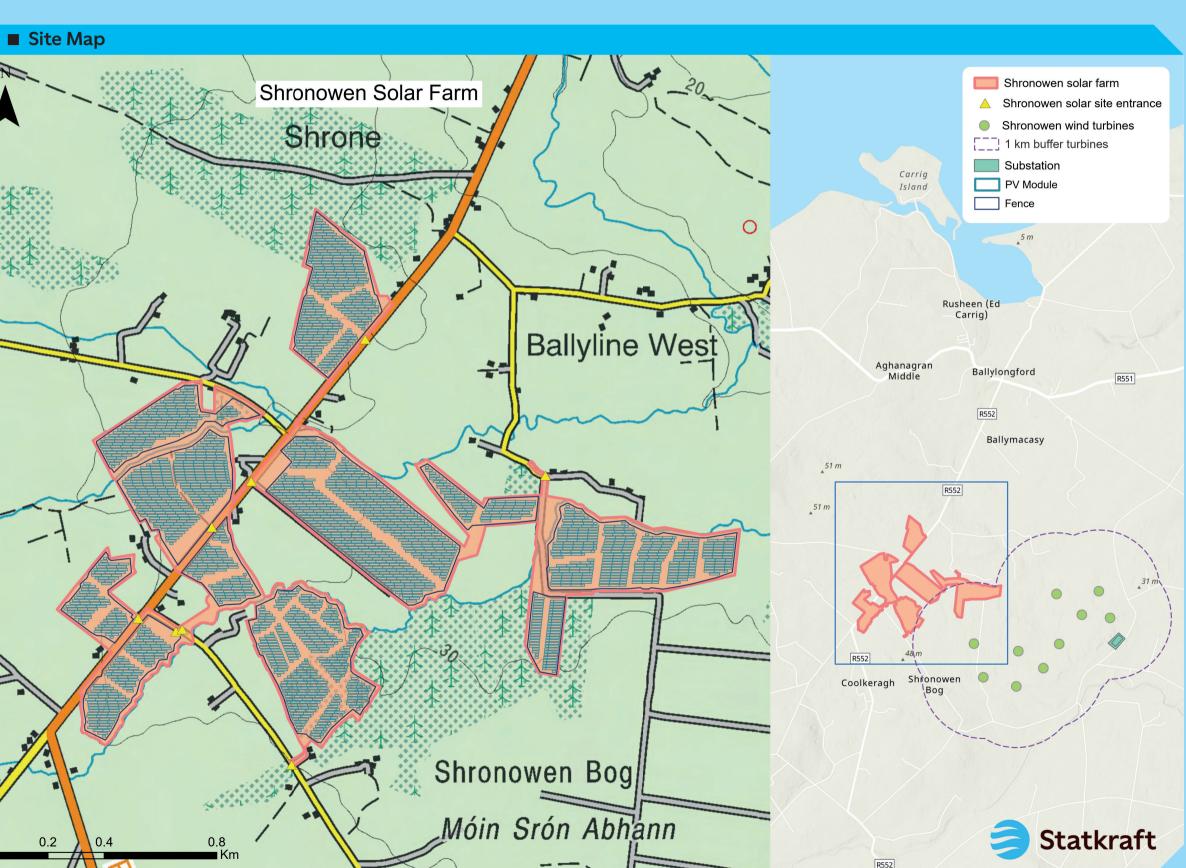


#### **■** This Proposal

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 c. 108MW of solar power in the vicinity of Coolkeragh, Ballyline West, and Kilgarvan. The location under consideration was initially identified following a review of areas that could allow for a development of this type. The proposal has the capacity to further deliver on local and national climate targets by supplying thousands more homes and businesses across Ireland with green power while bringing very real benefits to the local area and its people.



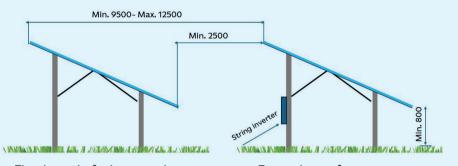
Shronowen Project Site



# ■ Project at a glance

- Energy output c. 108 MW peak
- Gross area of site c. 119 ha
- Net fenced area c. 97 ha
- Minimum 50m setback from residential properties
- Community Benefit Fund c. € 175,000/yr
- Biodiversity management plan to be submitted as part of the application
- Associated works which include site entrances, drainage works, temporary site compound, grid systems services, operations compound and MV stations
- Natural screening from the existing vegetation and supplemented by landscaping and tree planting plan

# **■** Typical panel side view



- Fixed south-facing panels
- No. of panels c.155,000
- No. of inverters 240
- No. of AC collector stations 15
- 3 panels per frame
- No glint and glare
- 40 years operational life of panels

#### ■ Shronowen Solar and Wind

You may also be aware of the Shronowen Wind Farm project which received planning in September 2022. Both Shronowen Solar Farm (this proposal) and the Shronowen Wind Farm were acquired by Statkraft from EMPower in January 2024.

	Shronowen solar (seeking planning)	Shronowen wind (permitted)
Technology involved	108 MW peak solar	10 turbines producing 45MW
Planning status	Planning to be submitted in 2025	Planning secured in September 2022
Substation	No.	Yes.
Biodiversity management plan	Yes. Will be available to view with all other planning documentation once submitted to Kerry Co.Co.	Yes. It is available to view here on the Kerry Co.Co. website: www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/309156
Community benefit fund	c.€175,000 a year	c.€220,000 a year

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