



Environmental Protection Agency,
EPA Regional Office Athlone
The Civic Centre,
Church St. Athlone,
Co. Westmeath

Our Ref: 200445
Your Ref:

22nd March 2021

Re: Planning Application for a Wind Farm Development (and all associated works) at Coole and other townlands) County Westmeath

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our clients, Coole Wind Farm Limited, please find enclosed a copy of all planning application documentation for the proposed construction of a wind farm development and all associated works located in the townlands of of Camagh, Carlanstown, Coole, Clonrobert, Clonsura, Doon, Monkstown, Mullagh, Newcastle, Boherquill, Corralanna, Culvin, Joanstown, Mayne, Fearmore (Fore by), Newtown (Fore by), Simonstown (fore by), Ballinealoe, Shrubbywood, Clonava, Lackan (Corkaree by), Soho, Ballynaclonagh, Abbeyland, Rathganny, Ballindurrow, Cullendarragh, Culleenabohoge, Ballynafid, Knightswood, Portnashangan, Culleen More, Farranistick, and Irishtown (Moyashel by), Co. Westmeath.

The development description as per the public notices is as follows:

- i. Up to 15 No. wind turbines with a tip height of up to 175 metres and all associated foundations and hardstanding areas;*
- ii. 1 no. onsite electrical substation including a control building, associated electrical plant and equipment, welfare facilities and a wastewater holding tank;*
- iii. 1 no. temporary construction compound;*
- iv. Provision of new site access roads, upgrading of existing access roads and hardstand areas;*
- v. Excavation of 1 no. borrow pit;*
- vi. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed onsite substation;*
- vii. Laying of approximately 26km of underground electricity cabling to facilitate the connection to the national grid from the proposed onsite substation located in the townland of Camagh to the existing 110kV Mullingar substation located in the townland of Irishtown;*
- viii. Upgrade works to the existing 110kV Mullingar substation consisting of the construction of an additional dedicated bay to facilitate connection of the cable;*
- ix. Construction of a link road between the R395 and R396 Regional Roads in the townland of Coole to facilitate turbine delivery;*



- x. *Junction improvement works to facilitate turbine delivery, at the N4 junction with the L1927 in the townland of Joanstown, on lands along the L1927 in the townland of Culvin, the L1927 and L5828 junction in the townland of Boherquill and the L5828 and R395 junction in the townland of Corralanna;*
- xi. *Site Drainage;*
- xii. *Forestry Felling;*
- xiii. *Signage, and;*
- xiv. *All associated site development works.*
- xv. *This application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.*

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as ‘Strategic Infrastructure Development’ (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). An Bord Pleanála have required that we directly consult the Environmental Protection Agency as a prescribed body. As such we have attached 1 electronic copy of the submitted documentation as previous contact with your office has indicated that this was your preference. All documentation can also be found at www.coolewindfarmsid.com. The electronic copy contains the following information:

- › Planning Application Documentation
 - Planning Application Form
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Notice
 - EIAR Portal Conformation (2021047)
 - Planning Cover Letters (Westmeath County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
 - Letters of Consent from Relevant Landowners
 - Copy of Notification Letters Sent to Prescribed Bodies
- › Planning Application Drawings (See schedule of application form)
- › Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume 1a- Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report Chapters 1-8
 - Volume 1b- Main Report Chapters 9-16
 - Volume 2- Photomontages
 - Volume 3a- EIAR Appendices 2.1 – 6.4
 - Volume 3b- EIAR Appendices 7-1 – 14-3
- › Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

You are advised that the Board may in respect of an application for permission 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 to grant the permission/approval

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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/observations must be received by the Board no later than 5.30 p.m. on the 17th of May 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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