

# SITE NOTICE

## Planning and Development Acts 2000, as amended

### Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála

### in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

### County Westmeath

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Coole Wind Farm Limited., gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten year permission in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Camagh, Carlanstown, Coole, Clonrobert, Clonsura, Doon, Monktown, Mullagh, Newcastle, Boherquill, Corralanna, Culvin, Joanstown, Mayne, Fearmore (Fore by), Newtown (Fore by), Simonstown (fore by), Ballinealoe, Shrubbywood, Clonava, Lackan (Corkaree by), Soho, Ballynaclogh, Abbeyland, Rathganny, Ballindurrow, Cullendaragh, Culleenabohoge, Ballynafid, Knightswood, Portnashangan, Culleen More, Farranistick, and Irishtown (Moyashel by), Co. Westmeath. The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- 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.*

The proposed underground electricity cable route works are located within the public road corridor with the following Protected Structures located within 5 metres of the road; RPS No. 019-239 (Levington Railway Crossing Gates), RPS No. 019-237 (Gate lodges, Levington Park), RPS No. 019-236 (Gateway, Levington Park).

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application.

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 the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Westmeath County Council, Aras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, Westmeath.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: [www.coolewindfarmsid.com](http://www.coolewindfarmsid.com)

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

1. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
2. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
3. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. Such submissions/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,
- 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 Board.

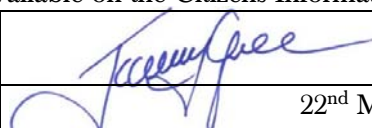
The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to ‘A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie))

The Board 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 Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board 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 Boards website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)) under the following heading: Information on cases / Weekly lists – Judicial Review of Planning Decisions. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Signed	 (MKO, Tuam Road, Galway (Agent))
Date of Erection of Site Notice	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021