

An
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Pleanála

Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	North Kildare Wind Farm Limited
Address:	Building 3400, Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, T12 AE76
Telephone No:	(021) 242 7786
Email Address (if any):	Infolreland@statkraft.com

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Kevin O'Donovan Alan Goggin Donal O'Sullivan
Registered Address (of company)	Building 3400, Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, T12 AE76
Company Registration No.	573075
Telephone No.	021 242 7786
Email Address (if any)	infoireland@statkraft.ie

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	Brian Cronin
Address:	Fehily Timoney & Company Consultants Core House, Pouladuff Road, Ballyphehane, Cork, T12 D773
Telephone No.	021 496 4133
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	brian.cronin@ftco.ie

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

Brian Cronin

Tele: 021 496 4133

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Colm Sheehan
Firm / Company:	Fehily Timoney and Company
Address:	Fehily Timoney and Company, Core House, Pouladuff Road, Cork, T12 D773
Telephone No:	021 496 4133
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	colm.sheehan@ftco.ie
All details of plans/drawings submitted can be found on the schedule of drawings which is submitted with this application form. Please refer to Addendum 1 of this Application Form.	

6. Site:

Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	The site is located within the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Killyon, Coolree, Mulgeeth, and Drehid, County Kildare.	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)	Map Series 1:5000 Prime Data Raster Reference no. 3122-C, 3122-D,3187-A,3187-B,3187-C,3187-D,3188-A,3188-B,3188-C,3188-D,3253-A,3253-B,3253-C,3253-D,	
Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.		
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares		73.928 ha
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:	<p>The site is located in a rural area and is not contained within any of the landuse zonings of the Kildare County Development Plan 2023 – 2029.</p> <p>The subject site is located within Strategy Zone 2 of the Kildare Wind Energy Strategy 2017-2023 which is open to consideration of wind energy development.</p>	
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:	<p>Existing: The landcover is classified by Tailte Eireann's National Land Cover map as improved grassland, treelines, hedgerows, transitional forest, coniferous forest, broadleaved forest and woodland, mixed forest, scrub, bare peat, bare soil and disturbed ground, and artificial surfaces (forest roads).</p> <p>Proposed: The Proposed Wind Farm will consist of 11 turbines each with a rotor diameter of 133 m. 10 no. turbines will have a hub height of 100.5 m and a tip</p>	

	height of 167 m; while one turbine (T1, closest to the site entrance) will have a hub height of 81.4 m and a tip height of 147.9 m. The Proposed Wind Farm will also include permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage and new and upgraded access tracks.
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:	Kildare County Council

7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other [X]	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The Applicant is a Developer of wind energy projects. The Applicant intends to develop the proposed Wind Farm which will be served by the proposed substation in adjoining lands. There are option agreements in place on the lands, with all landowners as listen in the next box.		
If you are not the legal owner , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
Coillte; Mark Walsh; Patrick Flynn; Oliver Morrin; Patrick McKeon; Annie Hanbidge; Adam Hanbidge; Stanley Kane; and Laurence Martin.		
Please see enclosed Letters of Consent from the above referenced landowners included in Addendum 2 of this application. A Statutory Undertaker Letter is also provided in Addendum 5 for cable works on the public road.		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
Yes, the Applicant has an interest in adjoining lands which are proposed for a substation to serve this Wind Farm. The Blue Line Boundary shown on the layout drawings illustrates the landowners interests in the area.		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?
Yes: [] No: [X]
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?
Yes: [] No:[X]
If yes, please give details:



Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
Yes: [X] No: []		
If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications		
Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
KCC Reg. Ref. 18/1534	An application for Planning Permission was submitted to Kildare County Council for a 12 no. turbine wind farm development with a turbine tip height of up to 169 m with an underground cable connecting the 12 no. turbine wind farm development via underground cable to the adjacent Dunferth substation via the L1004 public road in 2018 pursuant to Planning Ref. 18/1534.	Permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála following a First Party Appeal pursuant to ABP Ref. 306500-20. The An Bord Pleanála decision was challenged by Judicial Review and in June 2022 ABP consented to an order of certiorari on ground of "inadequate particulars of design"
If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.		
Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?		
Yes: [] No:[X]		
If yes please specify		
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____		

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<p>In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), North Kildare Wind farm Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works within the townlands of Ballynamullagh, Kilmurry, Coolree, Killyon, Mulgeeth and Drehid, Co Kildare.</p> <p>The proposed development will comprise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of 11 no. wind turbines, each with a rotor diameter of 133 m. 10 no. turbines will have a hub height of 100.5 m and a tip height of 167 m; while one turbine (T1, closest to the site entrance) will have a hub height of 81.4 m and a tip height of 147.9 m; Construction of permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage; Construction/upgrade of 1. no. main site entrance (off local road L5025), and 1 no. additional site entrance (off local road L50242); Construction of 1. No. temporary site entrance (off local road L5012) to accommodate the delivery of large turbine components; Use of 1 no. existing Coillte entrance (off local road L5012) for pedestrian/cyclist access to an amenity trail; Construction of 9.67 km of new internal access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure; Upgrading of 951 m of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure; Establishment of 2 no. temporary construction site compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking; Establishment of 1. No. temporary blade set down area; Construction of drainage and sediment control systems; 3 no. Watercourse Crossings; Upgrade and extension to an existing recreation amenity trail and installation of signage, picnic tables and bicycle stands; All related site works and ancillary development including signage, berms, landscaping, and soil excavation; Forestry felling (both permanent and temporary) to facilitate construction and operation All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed Substation including the laying of underground cabling along the local road L50242 which traverses the site.
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10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m ²
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	N/A
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix:

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apartments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing: N/A	Proposed: N/A			Total: N/A	

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		X
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
The landcover is classified by Tailte Eireann's National Land Cover map as improved grassland, treelines, hedgerows, transitional forest, coniferous forest, broadleaved forest and woodland, mixed forest, scrub, bare peat, bare soil and disturbed ground, and artificial surfaces (forest roads).
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
The proposed development involves the development of a Wind Farm.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The Proposed Wind Farm will consist of 11 turbines each with a rotor diameter of 133 m. 10 no. turbines will have a hub height of 100.5 m and a tip height of 167 m; while one turbine (T1, closest to the site entrance) will have a hub height of 81.4 m and a tip height of 147.9 m. The Proposed Wind Farm will also include permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage and new and upgraded access tracks.

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.			X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?			X
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		X	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		X	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			X

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (please specify):
<u>Not required for the Proposed Wind Farm</u>
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):
<div style="text-align: center;">N/A</div>
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify:
Not required for the Proposed Wind Farm
Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/>
Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify:
Surface water is diffused over ground and incorporated into the existing field drain network

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> 17/06/2025
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> 17/06/2025
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
The application may also be viewed /downloaded on the following website: www.drehidwindfarmSID.ie

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.
Enclosed: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of this consultation correspondence is included in Addendum 3 of the planning form. Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Enclosed: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> this list is included in Addendum 4 of the planning form


19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice
Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application. Please refer to addendum 6 of this Application Form.

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000
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I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	19/06/2025

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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