



Planning Section,  
Sligo County Council,  
Abbeyquarter North,  
Sligo

**Our Ref:** 180511  
**Your Ref:**

29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Re: Planning Application for a Wind Farm Development Located in the townlands of Carrowmore and Carrownyclowan County Sligo**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our clients, Coillte CGA, please find enclosed a planning application for the proposed construction of a wind farm development. The entirety of the renewable energy development constitutes the provision of a ten-turbine wind farm and all associated works on lands in both Counties Sligo and Leitrim as such the applicants are applying to both Sligo County Council and Leitrim County Council (the local authorities) for those parts of the associated development within their respective functional areas. The planning application is seeking a ten-year permission for a renewable energy development with a 30-year operational life (from the date of commissioning).

Within the administrative boundary of Sligo County Council the proposed development is located within the townlands of Carrowmore and Carrownyclowan County Sligo. The proposed development within the administrative boundary of Sligo County Council is as follows:

- i. Construction of 2 No. wind turbines with a maximum overall blade tip height of up to 170 metres and associated hardstand areas;
- ii. 1 no. permanent Meteorological Mast with a maximum height of up to 100 metres;
- iii. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed wind farm 38kV electricity substation (which is proposed to be located in the townland of Garvagh Glebe, Co. Leitrim);
- iv. Upgrade of existing tracks, roads and provision of new site access roads;
- v. Recreation and amenity works, including marked trails and associated recreation and amenity signage
- vi. Site Drainage;
- vii. Permanent Signage;
- viii. Ancillary Forestry Felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development; and
- ix. All associated site development works

A concurrent planning application is being lodged with Leitrim County Council in relation to the elements of the project that are within County Leitrim (which include the provision of 8 no. wind turbines (T.1, T.2, T.4, T.5, T.6, T.7, T.8 and T.9), electrical substation, underground cabling, connection to national electricity grid, access tracks/roads, access junction improvements, amenity works and all associated works).



An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development, and these documents consider and assess the entirety of the project (in both counties Sligo and Leitrim) to allow both local authorities to review the complete proposal and facilitate their accurate reporting and assessment of potential impacts.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) under European Union Directive 2014/52/EU, the application documentation includes a copy of the EIAR Portal Notice. The correspondence issued confirms the EIA portal ID number for the project (2020120) and that the details have been uploaded onto the Department's portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Sligo County Council Planning Application Form,
- Planning Application Drawings, (for clarity and completeness both local authorities are being provided with the full set of planning drawings with only the red line application boundaries being altered to accurately reflect the infrastructure subject to consideration by Leitrim and Sligo).
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) in 4 volumes:
  - Volume 1 – EIAR text including Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
  - Volume 2 – Photomontages
  - Volume 3a – EIAR Appendices 2-1 to 6-5
  - Volume 3b - EIAR Appendices 7-1 to 14-2
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- Newspaper Notice
- Site Notice
- EIA Portal Conformation (2020120)

The proposed development is being brought forward in response to policies and targets which have been put in place at local, national, regional and international levels in relation to renewable energy and climate change. As noted the proposed development comprises of a wind farm development which will allow the production of renewable energy to provide additional energy to the national grid. The proposed development will provide additional renewable energy to aid in offsetting the use of fossil fuels within the electricity generating sector and will contribute to Ireland's energy targets. As is demonstrated within documentation submitted as part of this planning application the proposed development complies and is supported by the Sligo County Development Plan 2017-2023 who are broadly supportive of the development of renewable energy within the County.

Please find attached 10 hard copies of the planning application pack along with 2 no. electronic copies (in fully searchable pdf format for ease of review). Due to the size of the subject site and the nature of the proposed development, the scales and extent of the planning drawings being submitted as part of the current planning application have been discussed and agreed with the Planning Authority in advance of lodgement. This represents an agreement in accordance with Article 23(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) ("the Regulations"), which permits the submission of alternative scales of drawings to those normally required, subject to prior agreement with the Planning Authority. The planning drawings are consistent with previous wind farm developments that have been discussed and agreed upon with the Planning Authority.

The proposed planning application has been advertised within the Sligo Champion on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.



Please note that the appropriate planning fee of €4,408.00 has also been paid by EFT, this has been calculated based on a total of €4,408.00 under Class 13 (in relation to the other works and infrastructure being proposed and carried out) of Part 2, Schedule 9 of the Regulations.

Following comprehensive discussions with Sligo County Council in the lead up to the lodgement of this planning application I trust that you have all the required information required to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal Planner,  
MKO.

