

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000, AS AMENDED
NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA
IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Counties Kerry and Cork

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, ESB Wind Development Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission in relation to a proposed wind farm development and all associated works in the townlands of: Ballagh (ED Glanlee), Barnastooka, Clonkeen, Coolnagoppoge (ED Glanlough), Coolknoohil, Coomacullen, Coumaclovane, Cummeen Upper, Derreenclodig, Derreenlunnig, Gortlahard, Gortmarrahafineen, Grousemount, Inchamore, Inchee, Knockanruddig, Knockanuha, Lackabaun, Lyrenageeha, Redtrench South, Rossalougha, Sillahertane, County Kerry and in the townlands of Coolea, Derreenaculling, Derreenaling, Derrylahan, Derrynasaggart, Gortnatubbrid, Lumnagh More, Murnaghbeg, Reanabobul, Slievareagh, County Cork.

The proposed development will consist of the following.

- i) Construction of a wind farm comprising 38no. wind turbines and all associated foundations and hard standing areas. The wind turbines will have a hub height of up to 80 metres and a rotor diameter of up to 112 metres. The overall height of the structures (i.e. tip height) will be up to 126 metres.
- ii) All associated underground electrical and communications cabling.
- iii) Creation of new site entrance.
- iv) Creation of approximately 28km of access tracks, including a link track between the two previously consented wind farms as described below.
- v) Creation of borrow pits/material repositories.
- vi) Construction of 4no. new free standing meteorological masts up to 80m height.
- vii) Associated drainage systems.
- viii) Additional associated and ancillary developments required to facilitate the delivery of wind turbine components include:
 - Delivery Route 1: Installation of a temporary bridge traversing the Sullane River in Ballyvourney village (County Cork) - the bridge requires the creation of a temporary entrance from the N22 and from the L3400 (both within Ballyvourney village) and public road improvements at identified locations along the L3400 towards the site.
 - Delivery Route 2: Creation of approximately 500 metres of access track within existing Coillte lands in the townland of Coolknoohil (County Kerry) to link existing tracks located along this delivery route along with a realignment of existing Everwind site entrance with public road L3400.
- ix) A 10 year permission and a 25 year operational life from completion of entire wind farm are sought for the proposed development.

This application represents a revision and amalgamation of the two existing planning permissions on the site as follows:

- Kerry County Council Reg. Ref. 10/0197 granted on 25th November 2010 – 10 year permission for 14 wind turbines and associated development.
- Kerry County Council Reg. Ref. 10/1333 granted on 26th January 2012 – 10 year permission for 24 wind turbines and associated development.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The planning application and EIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours **for a period of seven weeks commencing on 14th September 2015** at the following locations:

- **The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1,**
- **The Offices of Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Tralee, Co. Kerry, and**
- **The Offices of Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork.**

The application may also be viewed/downloaded at the following website: www.grousemountwindfarm.ie

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:

- i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned, and
- ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development.

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 **5.30p.m. 2nd November 2015** and must include the following information:

- i) 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 to the application should be sent,
- ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. It is at the absolute discretion of the Board whether to hold an oral hearing on the case.

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- a)
 - (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission 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,
- b) refuse to grant the permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Telephone: 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), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications – Judicial Review Notice on the Board’s website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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Date of Erection of Site Notice: 10th September 2015

YELLOW NOTICE