



**Tim Lucey,
Chief Executive Officer,
Cork County Council,
County Hall,
Cork,
County Cork.**

1st September 2015

**Re: Strategic Infrastructure Planning Application for Grousemount Wind Farm
and Associated Developments (ABP Ref: 08.PC0181)**

Dear Mr. Lucey,

ESB Wind Development gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a windfarm and all associated works in Counties Cork and Kerry, the proposed windfarm is referred to as Grousemount Wind Farm. The proposed development will take place in the following townlands: 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, Slievereagh, 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.

The application is comprised of two documents:

- PLANNING - Planning Documents – Volume 1 and Planning Drawings - Volumes 2, 3 and 4.
- ENVIRONMENTAL - Environmental Documents – Volumes 1, 2 and 3.

Five hard copies and three electronic copies of the planning application and associated documentation are provided for your information. Also the application may be viewed/downloaded at the following website: www.grousemountwindfarm.ie.

An Bord Pleanála require that the planning application should be made available to members of the public for inspection/purchase in accordance with the terms of the public notice during the public opening hours of Cork County Council for a period of 7 weeks commencing on **14th September 2015**.

You are advised that the Board may in respect of the 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.

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 received by the Board no later than **5.30 pm on 2nd November 2015.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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(Agent on behalf of ESBWD)