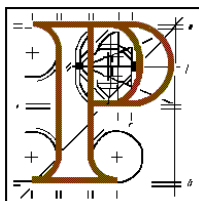


# An Bord Pleanála



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

1. Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	<b>Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006 and as amended by the Planning &amp; Development (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2011.</b>
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### 2. Applicant:

Name of Applicant: <b>Oweninny Power Limited</b>
Address: <b>Stephen Court, 18/21 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2.</b>
Telephone No: <b>01 7038000</b>
Email Address (if any): <b>oweninnypower@esbi.ie</b> <a href="http://www.oweninnywindfarm.ie">www.oweninnywindfarm.ie</a>
Fax Number (if any): <b>01 7038088</b>

### 3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the companies Acts, 1963 to 1999):

Name(s) of company director(s): <b>Eddie Byrne, Nico O'Rourke, Michael Barry,  John Reilly</b>
Registered Address (of company): <b>Stephen Court, 18/21 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2.</b>
Company Registration No: <b>503730</b>

Telephone No. **01 7038000**

Email Address (if any): [oweninnypower@esbi.ie](mailto:oweninnypower@esbi.ie)

Fax Number (if any): **01 7038088**

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

Name: **Gerard Noonan**

Address:  
**Project Director,  
ESB Wind Development,  
27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street,  
Dublin 2.**

Telephone No. **01 7027050**

Mobile No. (if any) **087 9976880**

Email address (if any) [gerard.noonan@esb.ie](mailto:gerard.noonan@esb.ie)

Fax No. (if any) **N/A**

**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:

**John Lynch (Bord na Móna): 046-9733800**

**5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:**

Name: **Gerard Noonan**

Firm/Company: **ESB Wind Development**

Address:  
**27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street,  
Dublin 2.**

Telephone No: **01 7027050**

Mobile No: **087 9976880**

Email Address (if any): [gerard.noonan@esb.ie](mailto:gerard.noonan@esb.ie)

Fax No (if any): **N/A**

Details all plans/drawings submitted – title of drawings/plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the

application form.  
**See Volume 1B – Plans and Drawings**

**6. Site:**

Site Address/Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	<b>Bord Na Móna lands in the Townlands of Bellacorick, Corvoderry, Croaghaun West, Doobehy, Dooleeg More, Formoyle, Kilsallagh, Knockmoyle, Laghtanvack, Moneynierin, Shanvodinnaun, Shanvolahan, Sheskin, Srahnakilly and Tawnaghmore, County Mayo.</b>	
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No (and the Grid Reference where applicable)	<b>OSI Discovery Series (1:50,000) Map No. 23 OSI 6" Series Mayo Sheets 19, 20, 27, 28 Grid Coordinates Centre Site Irish Grid E 99391 N 322176 Grid Coordinates Centre Site ITM E499364 N822185</b>	
Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	<b>Approximately 5,091 hectares.</b>	
Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:  <b>Lands are located within the Mayo County Council Administrative Area and therefore the Mayo County Development Plan (MCDP) 2008-2014 is applicable. The Oweninny Wind Farm site is located within the area classified in the Renewable Energy Strategy of the MCDP as a priority area for wind energy. Priority areas are areas which have secured planning permission and where on shore wind farms can be developed immediately.</b>		
Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:  <b>Existing Use: Lands are located in a rural area and are used for wind power generation, forestry and bog rehabilitation. Proposed Use: The proposed use will intensify the use of lands for wind power generation but existing land uses will continue.</b>		
Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:  <b>Mayo County Council.</b>		

**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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Where legal interest is “Other”, please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.

**Oweninny Power Limited (OPL) has permission from the landowner (Bord na Móna) to make the application on the lands. Bord na Móna is one of the two shareholders in OPL.**

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.

**A letter of consent and approval to the making of the application from the landowners, Bord na Móna Energy Limited, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, is attached – see Volume 1A, Section 5.**

Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands. If so, identify the lands and state the interest.

**Bord na Móna has a significant landholding in the general area, which was acquired between the 1950’s and 1980’s.**

## 8. Site History

### Details regarding site history (if known):

Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?

Yes: [ ] No: [  ]

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: [ ]

If yes, please give details:

**Industrial peat extraction for several decades and wind power generation for more than 20 years.**

### Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?

Yes: [  ] No: [ ]

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications – **The main relevant applications are detailed below.**

Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority/An Bord Pleanála

<b>ABP. PL16.131260 / MCC P01/2542</b>	<b>Application for the development of a large scale wind farm.</b>	<b>On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003 An Bord Pleanála approved the development with conditions.</b>
<b>MCC P12/944</b>	<b>Application for retention of 4 No. wind monitoring masts.</b>	<b>On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Mayo County Council approved the development with conditions.</b>
<b>MCC P90/1077</b>	<b>Application for the development of a wind farm consisting of 21 turbines.</b>	<b>On 21<sup>st</sup> January 1991 Mayo County Council approved the development with conditions.</b>
<p>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.</p>		
<p><b><i>Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?</i></b></p>		
<p>Yes: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]</p> <p><i>If yes please specify</i></p> <p><i>An Bord Pleanala Reference No.:</i> _____</p>		

## 9. Description of the Proposed Development

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p><b>The proposed development will consist of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Construction of a wind farm comprising 112 wind turbines with a maximum electricity generating capacity of approximately 370 Megawatts (MW). The wind turbines will have a hub height of up to 120 metres and a rotor diameter of up to 120 metres. The overall height of the structures (i.e. tip height) will be up to 176 metres.</li> <li>ii) 8 No. permanent Meteorological masts up to 120 metres in height.</li> <li>iii) Electrical requirements associated with the wind farm including: 4 No. 110 kV electrical substations each of which will include 2 No. control buildings; 2 No. 110 kV overhead lines (approx. 2.4 km and 1.7 km respectively) and 4 No. 110 kV underground cables all required for connecting the substations to the national electricity grid; and underground cabling connecting the wind turbines to the wind farm substations.</li> <li>iv) A visitor centre associated with the wind farm with ancillary parking for buses and cars; an operation and maintenance building.</li> <li>v) Reuse of 3 No. existing site entrances off the N59, signage at the main wind farm entrance and on the public road adjacent to the main entrance.</li> <li>vi) Additional associated and ancillary developments include: hardstandings; an upgrade of the bridge traversing the Oweninny River; approximately 85 km of access tracks within the wind farm site; replacement of culverts within the site and drainage control systems comprising settlement ponds, access track drains and finger drains; and sewage treatment systems.</li> <li>vii) Temporary developments/works associated with the construction phase include: contractor compounds; 1 No. concrete batching plant; 1 No. borrow pit; 1 No. peat repository area; and material stockpile areas.</li> <li>viii) A 15 year permission and a 30 year operational life from completion of entire wind farm is sought for the proposed development.</li> </ul>
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	<p>The development is proposed on a site that is currently the subject of an integrated pollution prevention control (IPPC) licence (Reg. No. P0505-01) as issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992.</p> <p>This application represents a revision of the existing planning permission on the site, which was granted in December 2003, by An Bord Pleanála (ABP Reg. Ref. PL16.131260 MCC Reg. Ref. 01/2542).</p>
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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 <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Not Applicable</b>

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

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>Existing substation building – approx. 50m<sup>2</sup></b>  <b>Existing Bord na Móna workshops – approx. 2,960m<sup>2</sup></b></p>
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>New visitor centre building - 762m<sup>2</sup></b>  <b>New substation buildings - 293m<sup>2</sup> and 205 m<sup>2</sup></b>  <b>New operation and maintenance buildings - 651m<sup>2</sup></b></p>
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	<b>N/A</b>
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	<b>None</b>

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

<b>Number of</b>	<b>Studio</b>	<b>1 Bed</b>	<b>2 Bed</b>	<b>3 Bed</b>	<b>4 Bed</b>	<b>4 + Bed</b>	<b>Total</b>
Houses							<b>Not Applicable</b>
Apartments							<b>Not applicable</b>
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:		<b>Total: Not Applicable</b>		

**13. Social and Affordable Housing.**

<b>Please tick appropriate box:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must specify, as part of your application, the manner in which 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) <b>Existing Use: Lands are located in a rural area and are used for wind power generation, forestry and bog rehabilitation.</b>
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain) <b>Proposed Use: The proposed use will intensify the use of lands for wind power generation but existing land uses will continue.</b>
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).  <b>The land use will remain similar in nature but renewable energy generation will be intensified. Wind turbines and associated infrastructure will be dispersed throughout the approx. 5,091 hectare site.</b>

**15. Development Details**

<b>Please tick appropriate box:</b>	<b>If answer is yes please give details</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<i>Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?</i>			✓
<i>Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and/or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and/or its curtilage?</i>			✓
<i>Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?</i>			✓

<i>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.</i>	✓ See EIS for details.	
<i>Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site (under S.I. No. 94 of 1997) or a Natural Heritage Area?</i>	✓ See EIS for details.	
<i>Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement?</i>	✓	
<i>Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?</i>		✓
<i>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</i>	✓ It is not an activity in itself but is located on a currently IPPC licensed site.	
<i>Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?</i>		✓
<i>Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?</i>		✓
<i>Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?</i>		✓
<i>Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?</i>		✓

## 16. Services

<p><b>Proposed Source of Water Supply</b></p> <p>Existing connection: [ ✓ ] New Connection: [ ]</p> <p>Public Mains: [ ✓ ] Group Water Scheme: [ ] Private Well:[ ✓ ]</p> <p>Other (please specify): <b>Rainwater will be harvested for use. It is also possible that wells will be drilled to augment water supply, this has been considered in the EIS.</b></p> <p>_____ Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):</p> <p>_____</p>
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**Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:**

Existing: [ ] New:[  ]

Public Sewer: [ ] Conventional septic tank system: [ ]

Other on site treatment system: [  ] Please Specify: **Puraflo Treatment System and percolation area.**

**Proposed Surface Water Disposal::**

Public Sewer [ ] Drain:[ ] Soakpit:[ ]

Watercourse: [  ] Other: [  ] Please specify:

**Drainage control systems prior to disposal to watercourses.**

**17. Notices**

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication

**Irish Independent – 25th June 2013**

**Mayo News – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Western People – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [  ] No:[ ]

Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection

**A total of 9 site notices have been erected in the vicinity of the site.**

**The location of the site notices are shown on Drawing Reference: Overall Layout 1:50,000**

**Date of Erection of Site Notice: 27th June 2013**

Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [  ] No:[ ]

Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website

**Project Website: [www.oweninnywindfarm.ie](http://www.oweninnywindfarm.ie)**

**Additionally, local residents will be informed of the application.**

**18. Pre-application Consultation:**

***Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála***

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012.**

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: **Details of all pre-applications consultations, including those with prescribed bodies and the public and the methods of such consultation, are set out in detail in Volume 2A – EIS Main Report, Chapter 1 and Volume 2B EIS Appendices, Appendix 1.**

Yes: [] No:[  ]

Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.

Enclosed: **See Volume 1A, Section 6 – Notification to Prescribed Bodies**

Yes: [] No:[  ]

**19. Application Fee.**

*Fee Payable*

**€100,000**

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*

*Ger Noonan*

**(on behalf of Oweninny Power Limited)**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013**