

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (as amended)**  
**NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA**  
**IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**Mayo County Council**

In accordance with 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 & Development (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2011, Oweninny Power Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission in relation to the following proposed wind farm development in the townlands of: Bellacorick, Corvoderry, Croaghaun West, Doobehy, Dooleeg More, Formoyle, Kilsallagh, Knockmoyle, Laghtanvack, Moneynierin, Shanvodinnaun, Shanvolahan, Sheskin, Srahnakilly and Tawnaghmore, County Mayo. (Bellacorick area is approx. 30 km west of Ballina)

The proposed development will primarily consist of the following.

- 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.
- ii) 8 No. permanent Meteorological masts up to 120 metres in height.
- 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.
- iv) A visitor centre associated with the wind farm with ancillary parking for buses and cars; an operation and maintenance building.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- viii) A 15 year permission and a 30 year operational life from completion of entire wind farm is sought for the proposed development.

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. 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).

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The application, EIS and NIS 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 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, and,
- The Offices of Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, County Mayo.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded at the following website: [www.oweninnywindfarm.ie](http://www.oweninnywindfarm.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,
- ii) the likely effects on the environment, if any, and
- iii) the likely effects or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site as the case may be, of the proposed development, if carried out.

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. on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013** 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.

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 by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), 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](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Signed: Ger Noonan

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**Date of Erection of Site Notice: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013**