

An
Bord
Pleanála

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

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Knockanarragh Wind Farm Limited
Address:	Statkraft Ireland Ltd, Building 3400 Cork Airport Business Park Cork T12 AE76
Telephone No:	C/O Agent (see section 4)
Email Address (if any):	C/O Agent (see section 4)

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Kevin O'Donovan Alan Michael Goggins Donal O'Sullivan
Registered Address (of company)	Building 3400 Cork Airport Business Park Cork T12 AE76
Company Registration No.	590594
Telephone No.	C/O Agent (see section 4)
Email Address (if any)	C/O Agent (see section 4)

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

Name:	SLR Environmental Consulting (Ireland) Ltd
Address:	7 Dundrum Business Park, Windy Arbour, Dublin, D14 N2Y7
Telephone No.	+353 (0)1 2964667
Mobile No. (if any)	+353 87 667 8906
Email address (if any)	aobrien@slrconsulting.com

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:

Charles Sawyer, Mobile +353 (0)87 4295679

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Iain Green
Firm / Company:	SLR Consulting
Address:	SLR Consulting Ireland 7 Dundrum Business Park, Windy Arbour, Dublin, Ireland, D14 N2Y7
Telephone No:	+353 1 296 4667 /
Mobile No:	087 6678906
Email Address (if any):	igreen@slrconsulting.com
Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. Please refer to the appended Planning Drawing Register in Addendum 1: 2 hard copies and 8 electronic copies of each drawing are submitted with the application.	

6. Site:

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>The site is located on lands within the townlands of Clonmellon, Kilrush Upper, Kilrush Lower, Newtown, Ballinlig, Carnybrogan, Cavestown and Rosmead, County Westmeath and Galboystown, Co. Meath.</p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>Ordnance survey map sheet no. 2432, 2433, 2500, 2501, 2569, 2634.</p>	
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.</p>		
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p>115.81ha</p>	
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>Not zoned</p>	
<p>Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>Existing Use: Agriculture & Forestry Proposed Use: An 8 no turbine wind farm development and associated works.</p>	
<p>Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:</p>	<p>Meath County Council Westmeath County Council</p>	

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 x	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<p>The applicant has entered into legal agreements with the private landowners of the outlined lands that make up the site for the purposes of constructing and operation of a wind farm and associated infrastructure.</p> <p>Ownership of the lands associated with the Proposed Development is a combination of lands owned by private landowners. Please see the enclosed letters of consent in Addendum 2.</p>		
<p>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.</p>		
<p>The names and addresses of the owners of the lands that are the subject of this application are detailed in the schedule included in Addendum 2.</p>		
<p>Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.</p>		
<p>The applicant has no beneficial interest in lands adjoining, abutting or adjacent to the site.</p>		

8. Site History:

<p>Details regarding site history (if known):</p>
<p>Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?</p> <p>Yes: [] No: [x]</p> <p>If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:</p> <p>Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?</p> <p>Yes: [] No: [x]</p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p>

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

Yes: [] No: [x]

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

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

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.

Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?

Yes: [] No:[x]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

<p>Brief description of nature and extent of development</p>	<p>In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Knockanarragh Wind Farm Ltd. give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a Proposed Development which will consist of an 8 no turbine wind farm development and associated works on land within the townlands of Clonmellon, Kilrush Upper, Kilrush Lower, Newtown, Ballinlig, Carnybrogan, Cavestown and Rosmead, County Westmeath and Galboystown, Co. Meath. The planning application area is approximately 115.81 ha in size.</p> <p>The Proposed Development will consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of 8 No. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height of between 175m – 180m inclusive. The wind turbines will have a rotor diameter ranging from 155m to 162m inclusive and a hub height ranging from 97.5m to 99m inclusive. Each turbine will have individual output of between 6.6MW to 7.2MW inclusive.• Construction of temporary crane hardstands and permanent turbine foundations.• Construction of permanent internal site access roads including passing bays and all associated drainage infrastructure• Construction of 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation west of Clonmellon, Co Meath to include 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing and gates, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank, and all ancillary structures, bunding and works.• Construction of 33kV underground electricity cabling, including joint bays and ancillary works, along the L5542 and N52 connecting the Main Wind Farm Development Site: to the Proposed 110kV Substation at Clonmellon.• Construction of a section of 110kV electricity cabling between the Proposed 110kV Substation and the existing overhead line at Clonmellon, inclusive of 110kV interface masts.• Construction of an internal collector cable circuit within the Main Wind Farm Development Site, including directional drilling of (125m) cabling between Turbine 5 and Turbine 8.
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- Construction of two construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas, welfare facilities and security fencing.
- The use of the construction compound in the Southern Cluster as a maintenance hub to facilitate the operational phase of development.
- Development of two borrow pits for the purpose of stone extraction.
- Undergrounding of approximately 610 metres of existing 10 kV overhead electrical power line in the vicinity of Turbine 6.
- Development of an internal site drainage network and sediment control systems.
- Improvements to an existing site entrance off the L5542/Carnybrogan local road to include localised widening of the road and creation of a splayed entrance to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries. Improvements will include removal of existing vegetation to accommodate visibility splays.
- A new site entrance and slip road from the L5542/Carnybrogan local road to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries to northern part of the site.
- Road improvements to L5542/Carnybrogan local road to facilitate the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine component deliveries.
- A new site entrance to T8 from the N52 via an existing agricultural access within the townlands of Cavestown and Rosmead.
- A new site entrance from the L6821 to the Proposed 110 kV Substation at Clonmellon.
- Ancillary forestry felling of between 19.62ha and 20.09ha to facilitate construction of the development.
- All associated site development works including berms, landscaping, and soil excavation and the ongoing maintenance and management of the biodiversity measures in accordance with the Habitats and Species Management Plan.
- Measures for biodiversity enhancement including wader scrapes for snipe, stockproof fencing and other measures.
- The enhancement and replacement of hedgerows and broadleaf trees and the planting of new hedgerows and trees.
- A 35-year operational life for the Wind Turbines from the date of commissioning of the entire Proposed Development.

This planning application seeks a 10-year construction period and will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact

	<p>Assessment Report (EIAR) which includes an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development as a whole and in combination with the relevant off-site or secondary developments which will occur as a direct result of the Proposed Development, including connection to the national electricity grid.</p> <p>A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will also be submitted to the planning authority with the planning application.</p> <p>The Proposed Development Site is located in close proximity to sites on the Record of Monument and Places (RMP sites, WM009-004, WM009-018 and ME023-010) and the following structures that are included on the Record of Protected Structures (009-048 and 009-03).</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 ²
N/A	N/A

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

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	n/a
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	n/a
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	n/a
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	n/a

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix: N/A

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses							
Apartments							
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:			Total:	

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		x
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how 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)
Agricultural and forestry.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
A renewable energy development for electricity generation - An 8 no turbine wind farm development and associated works.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
A renewable energy development for electricity generation - An 8 no turbine wind farm development and associated works.do you

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			x
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?		x	
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			x
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.		x	
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		x	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		x	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		x	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			x
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			x
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			x
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			x
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			x
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			x

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): N/A_____
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): N/A_____
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify: During the construction stage effluent and waste will be captured onsite in a foul holding tank at temporary construction compound locations and stored for offsite disposal by a licensed contractor. During operation, effluent and waste will be collected from staff welfare facilities located at the Proposed Permanent Operational Compound and Proposed Substation and stored for offsite disposal by a licensed contractor. At the Proposed Substation Site, a wastewater holding tank will be provided outside the substation compound fence line so that it can be maintained where required without requiring access to the substation compound. The wastewater holding tank will be a sealed storage tank with all wastewater tankered off-site as required by an authorised waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant. Only waste collectors holding valid waste collection permits under the Waste Management (Collection Permit) Regulations, 2007, will be employed to transport wastewater away from the site). The proposed wastewater storage tank will be fitted with an automated alarm system that will provide sufficient notice that the tank requires emptying. The wastewater storage tank alarm will be part of a continuous stream of data from the site's turbines, wind measurement devices and electricity substation that will be monitored 24 hours a day seven days per week. This approach for managing wastewater on site has become a standard practice in windfarm sites.

The developer and the appointed contractor will seek to prevent, reduce, reuse and recover as much of the waste generated on the site as possible and to ensure the appropriate transport and disposal of residual waste is undertaken off site in accordance with the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended) and in alignment with the National Waste Management Guidelines and the European Waste Management hierarchy.

Proposed Surface Water Disposal:

Public Sewer / Drain: Soakpit:

Watercourse: Other: Please specify:

On site drainage including trackside drainage channels, settlement ponds and buffered outfalls as shown on Planning Application Drawings.

17. Notices:

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

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

Meath Chronicle, 30.03.24
Westmeath Examiner, 30.03.24
Irish Daily Star 30.03.24

Please refer to **Addendum 10** for copies of the published notices.

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

Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: No:

For Site Notice locations, please refer to Drg no. PL02- Overall Site Location Map and Site Notice Locations.

Site Notice erected on the 30.03.24

Please refer to **Addendum 11** for copies of the erected site notices.

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

www.knockanarraghwindfarmSID.ie

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
<p>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.</p> <p>Enclosed:</p> <p>Yes: [x] No:[]</p> <p>Please refer to: Addendum 3 Pre-planning & Public Consultation Details, & Addendum 4 Record of Meeting Minutes.</p> <p>Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Please refer to:</p> <p>Addendum 5 Letters to Planning Authorities, & Addendum 6 Schedule of Prescribed bodies & letters.</p> <p>Enclosed:</p> <p>Yes: [x] No:[]</p>

19. Confirmation Notice:

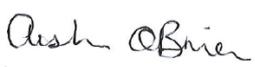
Copy of Confirmation Notice
<p>Attach a copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal where an EIAR accompanies the application. Please refer to Addendum 7.</p>

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000 paid by EFT (Transfer confirmation in Addendum 8).
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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: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	22/03/24

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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- Addendum 1 - Schedule of Planning Drawings
- Addendum 2 – Letters of Consent
- Addendum 3 - Pre – Planning and Public Consultation
- Addendum 4 - Record of Meeting Minutes
- Addendum 5 - Letters to Meath & Westmeath County Council
- Addendum 6 – Schedule of Prescribed bodies & Letter sample
- Addendum 7 - EIA Portal Confirmation
- Addendum 8 - EFT Payment Receipt
- Addendum 9 - Final SID notification.
- Addendum 10 - Newspaper Notice
- Addendum 11 - Site Notice