

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID), County Clare (Clare County Council)

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Orsted Onshore Ireland Midco Limited, gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a 10-year planning permission for the following proposed development within the townlands of Ballycar (North), Belvoir, Cloghera, Cloonsheerea, Cloontra, Cloontra East, Cloontra West, Crag, Derrynaveagh, Derryvinnaan, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Merritt), Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Parker), Gortacullin, Knockbrack Lower, Knockshanvo, Kyle, Mountrice, Oatfield and Snaty (Massy), Co. Clare.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- I. 11 no. three-blade wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height range of 176.5m to 180m, a rotor diameter range of 133m to 150m and a hub height range of 105m to 110m;
- II. Construction of associated reinforced concrete foundations, crane pad hard-standing areas and associated plant/switching gear;
- III. Construction of new permanent, internal site tracks and upgrading of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure including a clear-span bridge (circa 10m length), concrete culverts and the installation of an on-site Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS);
- IV. 2 no. temporary spoil storage areas: one in the western development area and one in the eastern development area;
- V. Erection of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast in the western development area with a height of 100 m above existing ground level;
- VI. All associated internal, underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to an on-site substation located in the western development area;
- VII. Provision of underground interconnecting 33kV IPP cabling and underground cable joint bays circa. every 750-1,000m for circa. 10.4km (joining eastern and western development areas) within the public road network including the R471;
- VIII. Provision of 1 no. 110kV onsite substation and parking in the western development area (Townland of Oatfield), along with associated control and switchgear building, associated electrical plant and equipment, associated security fencing, external lighting and lightning protection, security cameras and all associated infrastructure;
- IX. All works associated with the connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a loop-in 110kV underground cable connection (circa. 4.3km cable length and joint bays circa. every 750m), to the existing 110kV overhead line in the townland of Ballycar North, with 2 no. new 16m steel lattice end masts & associated overhead line electrical infrastructure, located at the interface with the existing 110kV overhead line;
- X. 2 nos. temporary construction compounds, including offices/meeting rooms, parking and transformer;
- XI. 10 no. individual site access points and tracks to turbines, on-site sub-station, met mast, temporary spoil storage & temporary construction compound areas from the local road network/public trackway running north of the R471;
- XII. Forest & tree felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;
- XIII. Temporary works to accommodate turbine delivery route (TDR) in the townland of Knockbrack Lower;
- XIV. All associated site development works including Construction, Operation and Decommissioning stage site-lighting, fencing and signage.

The application is seeking a 10-year planning permission and 35-year turbine operational period from the date of overall commissioning of the entire wind farm. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany the planning application. The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable costs of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a **period of seven weeks plus nine days (to reflect the Christmas and New Year holidays)** commencing on the 22nd December 2023 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 (9.15am-5.30pm, Monday-Friday)
- The Offices of Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare V95 DXP2 (9.00am-4.00pm, Monday-Friday)

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://oatfieldplanning.ie/>.

Submissions or Observations may be made by members of the public and/or prescribed bodies only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or via the Board's website: <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations> during the above-mentioned period relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, 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 5.30pm on the **19th February 2024**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- 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
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations, as amended, refers).

Any submission or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie). 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 to 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, or
- b. Refuse permission.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel 01- 858 8100). 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 on the Board's website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading – Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website – www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed:  (Alison Harvey MIPI ALLI of Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd (Agents for Orsted))	Date of Erection of Site Notice: 21st December 2023
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