

Re: Derryadd Wind Farm Planning Application

Dear Resident,

We wish to inform you that on 31st January 2019 Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd submitted a planning application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for the proposed Derryadd Wind Farm. The proposed layout of the wind farm submitted to ABP is as communicated to you in March 2018 which included:

1. A layout of 24 turbines compared to the previous design of 28 turbines and initial design of 29 turbines.
2. Proposed overall blade tip height of up to 185m. Within this size envelope, various configurations of hub height, rotor diameter, and tip height may be used. Should the project be consented the exact make and model of the turbine will be dictated by a competitive tender process, but it will not exceed a maximum tip height of 185 metres.
3. Setback Distance: The Preferred Draft Approach states that *"A visual amenity setback of four times the turbine height between a wind turbine and the nearest residential property, subject to a mandatory minimum distance of 500 metres"* should apply to wind energy developments. Due to a combination of constraints, the distance to the nearest house from a turbine on the proposed layout is 750 meters. This is in excess of 4 times turbine height setback (740 meters).

Detailed copies of the planning application, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be viewed at the following locations during public opening hours for a period of 8 weeks commencing on 4th February 2019:

- Lanesborough Library Main St, Lanesborough, Co. Longford, N39 XC85
- Kenagh Co-op, Kenagh, Co. Longford, N39 V8X6

The application will also be available for inspection at the following location:

- Offices of Longford County Council, Great Water St. Longford
- Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Rotunda, Dublin 1

To coincide with the submission of the planning application a dedicated planning website has also been launched. The application may be viewed at/downloaded from that website at the following link: www.derryaddwindfarmplanning.ie

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A copy will also be available for viewing **by appointment** at Bord na Móna Mountdillon Works, Clonfower, Lanesborough, Longford N39 FV44. To view the planning application at this location please contact our Community Liaison Officer – James on 087-7087022 to arrange a suitable time.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report Clarification Clinics

Bord na Móna will also hold clinics to address queries individuals or community groups may have on the planning application. These clinics are scheduled to take place within three weeks of the submission date to afford people the opportunity to read the planning application. These clinics will run **by appointment only**. Clinics will commence week beginning 18th February. If you wish to discuss the planning application at one of these clinics please contact our Community Liaison Officer to book an appointment.

If you would like any further details on the proposed Derryadd Wind Farm please contact our Community Liaison Officer – James on: 087-7087022 or via derryaddwindfarm@bnm.ie

Yours Sincerely,

Derryadd Wind Farm Communications Team

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed development comprises the construction of 24 wind turbines and ancillary works. The turbines will have a maximum blade tip height of 185m above the top of the foundation level and will be accessible from internal access routes within the site.

Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd intends to apply for a 10-year planning permission, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works within the townlands of Cloonkeel, Ballynakill, Cloonbearla, Cloonbrock, Derryaroge, Mount Davys, Rappareehill, Cloonfore, Cloonfiugh, Barnacor (Ed Rathcline), Grillagh (Moydow By), Derryad (Moydow By), Annaghbeg, Annaghmore, Derryart, Derryoghil, Ards, Corralough, Cloontamore, Derrygeel, Cloontabeg, Kilmakinlan, Derrynaskea, Derryshannoge, Derraghan More, Coolnahinch (Moydow By), Derryglogher, Mosstown (Rathcline By), Corlea and Derraghan Beg at Lanesborough, County Longford.

The company intends to apply for a ten-year planning permission for the following:

- 24 wind turbines with an overall blade tip height of up to 185m and all associated hard-standing areas;
- 5 borrow pits;
- 3 permanent Anemometry Masts up to a height of 120m;
- Provision of new internal site access roads (permanent and temporary), passing bays, amenity cycleways, car parking and associated drainage;
- 1 - 110kV electrical substation, including battery storage, which will be constructed at one of two proposed locations on site: either Option A in Cloonfore townland or Option B in Derraghan More townland. The electrical substation will have 2 control buildings, associated electrical plant and equipment, battery storage containers and a wastewater holding tank;
- 5 temporary construction compounds, in the townlands of Cloonfore, Cloontabeg, Derraghan More, and Rappareehill (2);
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed substation at either Option A in Cloonfore or Option B in Derraghan More;
- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be either to the existing Lanesborough/Richmond 110 kV line via overhead line (Option A) or to the existing Lanesborough/Mullingar 110 kV line via an underground or overhead line (Option B);
- Removal of existing meteorological masts;
- New access junctions, improvements and temporary modifications to existing public road infrastructure to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads and construction access, including locations on the N6, N61, N63, R392, R398, L11554, L1136 roads, access onto the local road in the townland of Cloonkeel, access onto the local road in the townland of Mount Davys and amenity access from the Royal Canal Tow Path (off the L5239);
- All related site works and ancillary development.
- A 10-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.