

PUBLIC NOTICES

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2022

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development, County Tipperary

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Buirios Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years for the following proposed development in the townlands of Borrisbeg, Eastwood, Ballycahill, Knockanroe, Clogmore, Graffin and Skehanagh, Co. Tipperary.

The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:

- I. 9 no. wind turbines with an overall turbine tip height of 185 metres; a rotor blade diameter of 163 metres; and hub height of 103.5 metres, and associated foundations and hard-standing areas;
- II. A thirty-year operational life of the wind farm from the date of full commissioning of the wind farm and subsequent decommissioning;
- III. Underground electrical cabling (33kV) and communications cabling;
- IV. A temporary construction compound;
- V. A temporary security cabin;
- VI. A meteorological mast with a height of 30 metres and associated foundation and hard-standing area;
- VII. A new gated site entrance on the L3248;
- VIII. Junction accommodation works and a new temporary access road off the L3248, to facilitate turbine delivery to the site;
- IX. Upgrade of existing site tracks/ roads and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hardstand areas.
- X. Upgrade of the existing L7039/ L70391 junction for secondary site access off the L70391;
- XI. A borrow pit;
- XII. Spoil Management;
- XIII. Tree felling;
- XIV. Site Drainage;
- XV. Biodiversity Enhancement Plan (including restoration of a segment of the Eastwood River, and planting of natural woodland and hedgerow);
- XVI. Operational Stage site signage; and
- XVII. All ancillary works and apparatus.

A ten-year planning permission is sought.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this 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 cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 22nd December 2023 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nénagh, Co. Tipperary.

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

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 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, 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 5.30 p.m. on the 19th February 2024. The provisions of section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, relating to the holiday period between the 24th December and 1st January, both days inclusive, have been taken into account in the calculation of the response date.

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 2001, as amended, refers)

Any submissions 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/approval 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, or
- (b) Refuse to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 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 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.

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