

## European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010

In accordance with Section 10 of the European Communities (Public Participation) Regulations 2010, this Planning Authority wishes to advise as follows:

**Planning Ref:** PL24/60122

**Applicant:** EDF Renewables Ireland Limited

**Development:** (i) The construction of 7 no. wind turbines with the following parameters: a. Total tip height range of 179.5m–180m, b. Rotor diameter range of 149m–155m, c. Hub height range of 102.5m–105m, (ii) Construction of associated foundations, hardstand and assembly areas; (iii) All associated wind farm underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines and meteorological mast to the proposed onsite electrical substation including road crossing at L30372, Co. Carlow; (iv) Construction of 1 no. permanent 38kV electrical substation compound including a single-story control building with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, entrance on to the access track, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank and all ancillary works in the townland of Seskinrea, Co. Carlow; (v) A permanent Battery Energy Storage System within the electrical substation compound in the townland of Seskinrea, Co. Carlow; (vi) All works (within County Carlow) associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, via underground 38kV electrical cabling predominantly within the public road corridor from the proposed onsite electrical substation in the townland of Seskinrea, Co. Carlow to the existing 110kV Kilkenny substation; (vii) Provision of 2 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the underground electrical cabling route; (viii) Reinstatement of the road and track surfaces above the cabling trench along existing roads and tracks; (ix) 1 no. meteorological mast of c. 36.5m in height, and associated foundation and hard-standing area in the townland of Ridge, Co. Carlow; (x) The permanent upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance off L3037 for the provision of construction and operational access; (xi) The provision of 1 no. new permanent site entrance and the upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance off the L30372; (xii) Upgrade of existing tracks/roads and provision of new site access roads, 2 no. clear span bridge crossings, junctions and hardstand areas; (xiii) 2 no. temporary construction compounds with temporary offices and staff facilities in the townland of Ridge and Seskinrea, Co. Carlow; (xiv) Carriageway strengthening works at ‘Black Bridge’ on the L1835/L3037 (Protected Structure: Kilkenny RPS Ref. D84); (xv) Peat and Spoil Management; (xvi) Tree Felling to accommodate the construction and operation of the proposed development; (xvii) Operational stage site signage; and (xviii) All ancillary apparatus and site development works above and below ground, including soft and hard landscaping and drainage infrastructure; A 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life of the wind farm from the date of commission of the entire windfarm is sought. A concurrent planning application

for works within Co. Kilkenny including junction accommodation works, bridge strengthening works and the 38kV underground grid connection to the existing 110kV Kilkenny substation will also be lodged to Kilkenny County Council. A design flexibility opinion issued by Carlow County Council on 14th March 2024 accompanies this application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application. The proposed development includes bridge strengthening works within the curtilage of a Protected Structure (Black Bridge – Kilkenny RPS Ref. D84). An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and will be submitted to the planning authority with this application

**Location of Development:** In the townlands of Ridge, Agharue, Coolnakisha and Seskin rea, Co. Carlow

Carlow County Council made a decision to refuse planning permission for the above development on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The applicant and any person who made submissions or observations in writing to the Planning Authority in relation to the planning application in accordance with section 37(1) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, (as amended) may appeal such a decision to An Bord Pleanala. A person may question the validity of any decision of the planning authority by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, (as amended). A person may question the validity of any decision on an appeal by An Bord Pleanala by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986), in accordance with section 50 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 as amended. Information in relation to making of an appeal may be obtained from An Bord Pleanala's website at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie). Also refer to Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended by Sections 32 and 33 of the Planning and Development Act 2010, in relation to judicial review. Information is also available from the Citizen's Information Centre web-site at [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

The Planning application can be viewed at the following link:-

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