

# AN BORD PLEANÁLA

## Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2011

### NOTICE OF DIRECT PLANNING APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IN RESPECT OF A STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

#### COUNTY OFFALY

#### SITE NOTICE 1

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, as amended by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 and as amended by the Environmental (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011, Green Wind Energy (Wexford) Ltd. gives notice of its intention to make an application for permission to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development:

A fifteen-year planning permission for development of a 32 turbine wind farm, on a site, in the townlands of Derryarkin, Derryiron, Coolcor, Coolville, Ballyburly, Greenhills, Bunsallagh, Derrygreenagh, Knockdrin, Wood, Killowen, Corbetstown, Carrick, Garr and Dunville, just north of Rhode, Co. Offaly.

The development will comprise thirty-two (32) electricity generating wind turbines with a hub height of up to 110 metres and a rotor diameter of up to 113 metres and an overall height of up to 166 metres, hardstandings, a 110 kV substation containing two (2) control buildings, an electrical compound and a waste water holding tank, nine (9) watercourse crossings, temporary construction compound, a permanent meteorological mast, a new access road off the R400 Roundabout at Rhode and upgraded access roads, associated site roads, drainage and site works.

The planning application, the Environmental Impact Statement and the Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee during public opening hours **for a period of seven weeks** commencing on **December 4<sup>th</sup> 2013** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Offaly County Council, Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.
- The Offices of Offaly County Council, Edenderry Town Hall, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.
- The Offices of Jennings O'Donovan & Partners Consulting Engineers Ltd, Finisklin Business Park, Sligo, Co. Sligo.

The application may also be viewed / downloaded on the following website: <http://www.yellowriverwindfarm.com>  
Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') 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, if carried out.
- (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site.

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 5.30p.m. on **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**. Please note that in accordance with section 251 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the period beginning on 24th December and ending on 1st January, both dates inclusive, should be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the last date for lodgement of submissions or observations. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- (i) 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,
- (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- (iii) the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

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 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 it 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 by the Board 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 and Development Act, 2000, as amended.
- Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading Publications - Judicial Review Notice on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Signed on behalf of Green Wind Energy Ltd (AGENT): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of erection of site notice: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013