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How do I share my thoughts on the project?

Community consultation has been ongoing since March 2025. The dedicated community team is available to discuss the project details. All information on the project is available on the Ballinlee Green Energy website. Information can also be issued by post or email upon request.



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Planning Application

The planning application for the proposed Ballinlee Green Energy wind farm will be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Details of the application, including environmental assessments and project specifications, will be available for public viewing via An Coimisiún Pleanála's website and a dedicated project application website:

www.ballinleegreenenergyplanning.ie

We encourage you to review these documents and we welcome any questions or feedback you may have.



KEY FACTS & Frequently Asked Questions



The proposed project is a 17-turbine wind farm, with a maximum hub height of 92m and a blade tip height of 160m. The proposed development is located in the townlands of Ballincurra, Ballinlee South, Ballingayrou, Ballinrea, Knockuregare, Ballinlee North, Carrigeen and Camas South.

Benefits of the proposed project

- **Environmental:** In total, it is estimated that over three million tonnes of CO₂ will be displaced over the proposed 35 year lifetime of the wind farm. This equates to over 75,000 tonnes of CO₂ per annum, and the project has the potential to provide power to approximately 42,000 homes.
- **Employment:** The development will support employment in the energy supply and construction/maintenance sectors, creating approximately 80 direct and indirect jobs. The team is committed to working with local suppliers where possible to source engineering works, materials, equipment hire and catering.
- **Community:** In line with the Community Benefit Fund Guidelines, governed by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), and based on the current project scope, the development will generate a Community Benefit Fund estimated at €5 million over the first 15 years of operation. This amounts to approximately €350,000 per annum. Ballinlee Green Energy will work in partnership with residents in the local area to form a committee to oversee the administration of the Community Benefit Fund.



Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

Ballinlee Green Energy is preparing an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) as part of the planning application. This report will address potential environmental impacts and includes a habitat management plan with enhancement measures which will result in a net gain for biodiversity.



Why choose this location?

The site was selected following extensive local examination, taking into account the proximity to residential properties, natural heritage, landscape and visual impacts, archaeology, hydrology, and many other considerations. The site is zoned as a 'preferred' area in the Limerick Development Plan 2022 - 2028 for wind energy development.



Will this cause traffic issues in my area?

A traffic analysis has been undertaken and minimising traffic and transport interruption has been paramount in the design of the project. A construction traffic management plan will be submitted with the planning application. This will be implemented following consultation with Limerick County Council and other key stakeholders.



What is the setback distance from houses?

The distance between a dwelling and a turbine will be greater than four times the overall turbine tip height in line with the Draft Revised Wind Energy Guidelines (2019), resulting in a minimum distance of 640 metres (160 metres x 4). This is an increased distance in comparison with the 2006 Guidelines (which is a minimum of 500 metres).



What about shadow flicker?

In line with recommendations of the Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2019), Ballinlee Green Energy will eliminate shadow flicker at dwellings as detailed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted with the planning application.



What about noise?

The proposed project will fully comply with national regulations on noise, and once operational, a comprehensive noise monitoring and reporting program will be implemented to ensure the proposed project complies with regulations.



Health & Wellbeing

There is no evidence that wind farms cause negative health impacts (World Health Organisation, 2018; Department of Health). In fact, wind energy helps us to replace fossil fuels, reducing harmful emissions, and ensuring cleaner air.

All of the key facts stated above, and further details of the project will be available to view within the EIAR for the proposed development, available on the Ballinlee Green Energy planning application website and on An Coimisiún Pleanála's website.