



An
Bord
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Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited
Address:	Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited Greahgcrotta, Tullyco, Cootehill, County Cavan
Telephone No:	c/o Agent
Email Address (if any):	c/o Agent

3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):

Name(s) of company director(s):	Herman Busschots Darren Sherry Jan Caerts Kristof Moens
Registered Address (of company)	Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited Greaghcrotta, Tullyco, Cootehill, County Cavan
Company Registration No.	651248
Telephone No.	c/o Agent
Email Address (if any)	c/o Agent

4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):

Name:	Galetech Energy Services
Address:	Clondargan Stradone Co. Cavan
Telephone No.	049 555 5050
Mobile No. (if any)	N/A
Email address (if any)	info@galetechenergy.com

Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)

(Please note that if the answer is "No", all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant's address)

Yes: [] No:[]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

James Carville
Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited
Greaghcrotta,
Tullyco,
Cootehill,
County Cavan
Phone Number: 049 555 5050

5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:

Name:	Joseph Buckley
Firm / Company:	Galetech Energy Services
Address:	Clondargan Stradone Co. Cavan
Telephone No:	049 555 5050
Mobile No:	N/A
Email Address (if any):	info@galetechenergy.com
Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted. Please refer to Annex 1 of this Application Form	

6. Site:

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p>Ballagh (Mullingar Rural E.D.), Billistown, Ballynacor, and Bracklin, County Westmeath; and Coolronan, Co. Meath</p>	
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p>OS Sheet Numbers 2771-A, 2771-B, 2771-C, 2771-D, 2771-17, 2771-22, 2635-A, 2635-B, 2635-C, 2635-D, 2636-A, 2636, 2637, 2705, 2706, and 2707</p>	
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided.</p>		
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p>273 ha</p>	
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p>The proposed development site is not zoned in the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027 or Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027</p>	
<p>Existing use of the site & proposed use of the site:</p>	<p>The existing use of the proposed development site is agricultural pasture, arable crops and commercial forestry.</p> <p>The proposed development involves the construction, operation and decommissioning of a wind farm and associated electrical substation and grid connection.</p>	
<p>Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:</p>	<p>Westmeath County Council and Meath County Council</p>	

7. Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
The Applicant has an agreement in place with all relevant landowners.		
If you are not the legal owner , please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westmeath County Council, Áras An Chontae, Mount St, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath; • Gerard & Trudy Shannon, Ballyhealy, Delvin County Westmeath; • Sean Burke, Ballynacor, Delvin County Westmeath ; • William Murphy & Ballynegall Feeds, Gillardstown, Castlepollard County Westmeath; • Alice Reilly, Ballyhealy, Delvin County Westmeath; • David Smith, Ballyhealy, Delvin County Westmeath; and • Paul Kiernan, 11 Woodgrove, Ballivor County Meath. 		
Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.		
No. Applicant has an agreement in place related to the lands the subject of this proposed development.		

8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?
Yes: [] No: [✓]
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?
Yes: [✓] No:[]
If yes, please give details:
Agricultural pasture, arable crops and commercial forestry plantation.

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?

Yes: [] No: []

If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications

Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant or Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
Westmeath County Council 20/6221	(i) the retention of the existing 80 metre meteorological mast, which was erected as exempted development in accordance with Class 20A, Schedule 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), and all ancillary infrastructure and associated site development and reinstatement works; and (ii) the increase in height of the existing meteorological mast from 80 metres to a maximum height of up to 100 metres. Existing access arrangements, using agricultural access tracks, will remain unaltered. The operational lifetime of the proposed development will be up to five years.	Planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála (ABP-308608-20)

If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.

Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?

Yes: [] No:[]

If yes please specify

An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: N/A

9. Description of the Proposed Development:

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<p>The proposed development will comprise a 10-year permission for the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. 9 no. wind turbines with hub height of 104 metres, a rotor diameter of 162 metres and an overall tip height of 185 metres;ii. All associated foundations and crane hardstanding areas;iii. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling;iv. Construction of internal wind farm access tracks and use of, and upgrades to, existing on-site agricultural/forestry tracks and existing site entrance from the L5508 local public road;v. 1 no. site control building with a Gross Floor Area of 131 square metres;vi. 1 no. free-standing meteorological mast with an overall height of 104 metres;vii. 1 no. temporary construction compound;viii. Felling of 28 hectares of commercial forestry plantation to facilitate the construction of wind farm infrastructure;ix. The storage of excavated material at 2 no. spoil deposition areas;x. A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electrical substation, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings (with a Gross Floor Area of 622 square metres) and all associated electrical equipment, services, lighting, and an electricity storage system within a fenced compound (with a total footprint of 15,400 square metres);xi. 6.3 kilometres of 110kV underground electricity lines accompanied by 2.5km of associated access track, 1 no. site entrance from the L5508 public road and 2 no. site entrances from the L80122 public road;xii. 2 no. lattice-type end masts with a height of 16 metres to facilitate connection of the proposed electrical substation to the existing 110kV Mullingar-Corduff overhead electricity transmission line;xiii. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works, upgrade works to public roads along the turbine component haul route, the provision of site drainage infrastructure and environmental mitigation measures; andxiv. A 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development.
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10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m ²
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A

11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m ²	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m ²	753m ²
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m ² (if appropriate)	N/A

12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix:

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apartments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing: N/A	Proposed: N/A		Total: N/A		

13. Social Housing:

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓

If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.

If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).

If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.

14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
The existing use of the proposed development site is agricultural pasture, arable crops and commercial forestry plantation.
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
The proposed development involves the development of wind farm and associated electricity substation and associated works.
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
The proposed development involves the development of wind farm and associated electricity substation and associated works.

15. Development Details:

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
	Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?		✓
	Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?		✓
	Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?		✓
	Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.	✓	
	Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		✓
	Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?	✓	
	Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?	✓	
	Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?		✓
	Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license		✓
	Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?		✓
	Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?		✓
	Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?		✓
	Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?		✓

16. Services:

Proposed Source of Water Supply:
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): Rainwater Harvesting System to be incorporated into design of proposed control buildings
<u>N/A</u>
Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable):
<u>N/A</u>
Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other on site treatment system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please Specify:
Wastewater to be collected on-site in a sealed foul waste holding tank and removed from site by licensed waste collector to a wastewater treatment plant.
Proposed Surface Water Disposal:
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/>
Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please specify:
Drainage system will discharge to existing on-site agricultural drains. All surface water will be fully treated to ensure no deleterious matter is discharged to local surface water features.

17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
Westmeath Examiner: Published Date 02/10/2021 Irish Independent: Published Date 02/10/2021 Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
The location of the site notices are illustrated in the accompanying planning application drawings. Date of Erection of Site Notice: 04/10/2021 Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
All planning application and associated documentation is available to view and the dedicated project website:- www.bracklynwindfarmplanning.ie

18. Pre-application Consultation:

Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála
Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form. Enclosed: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Please refer to Annex 2 of this Application Form Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification. Enclosed: Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Please refer to Annex 3 to this Application Form

19. Confirmation Notice:

Copy of Confirmation Notice

Please find enclosed a copy of the relevant EIA Portal Confirmation Notice – Portal ID Number 2021201

20. Application Fee:

Fee Payable	€100,000
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I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	<i>Galetech Energy Services</i>
Date:	05/10/2021

General Guidance Note:

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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Annex 1 – Schedule of Planning Application Drawings

Drawing Number	Drawing Title	Scale	Page Size
BRK_PAS_LOC_001	Overall Project Location	1:40000	A1
BRK_PAS_LOC_002	Overall Site Location Map	1:12500	A1
BRK_PAS_LOC_003	Site Layout Drawing Key	1:12500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_001	Site Layout Map (Map 1 of 21)	1:2500	A2
BRK_PAS_LAY_002	Site Layout Map (Map 2 of 21)	1:2500	A2
BRK_PAS_LAY_003	Site Layout Map (Map 3 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_004	Site Layout Map (Map 4 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_005	Site Layout Map (Map 5 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_006	Site Layout Map (Map 6 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_007	Site Layout Map (Map 7 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_008	Site Layout Map (Map 8 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_009	Site Layout Map (Map 9 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_010	Site Layout Map (Map 10 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_011	Site Layout Map (Map 11 of 21)	1:2500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_012	Site Layout Map (Map 12 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_013	Site Layout Map (Map 13 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_014	Site Layout Map (Map 14 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_015	Site Layout Map (Map 15 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_016	Site Layout Map (Map 16 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_017	Site Layout Map (Map 17 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_018	Site Layout Map (Map 18 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_019	Site Layout Map (Map 19 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_020	Site Layout Map (Map 20 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_LAY_021	Site Layout Map (Map 21 of 21)	1:500	A1
BRK_PAS_GA_001	Typical Turbine Foundation Design	1:100	A2
BRK_PAS_GA_002	Typical Arrangement of Underground Wind Farm Cabling	1:10, 1:20	A3

BRK_PAS_GA_003	Typical Site Road Specification	1:50	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_004	Typical Access Track Adjacent to 110kV Connection Cable Route in Field	1:20	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_005	Typical Public Road Widening Section	1:30	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_006	Typical Hardstand Specification	1:500	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_007	Typical Turbine Elevations	1:200	A0
BRK_PAS_GA_008	Typical Substation Compound Elevations	1:200	A0
BRK_PAS_GA_009	Typical Eirgrid Building Plan & Elevations	1:200	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_010	Typical IPP Building Plan & Elevations	1:150	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_011	Typical Electrical Site Control Building Plan and Elevations	1:150	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_012	Typical Battery Container Building Plan & Elevations	1:100	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_013	Typical Security Palisade Fencing Elevation	1:50	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_014	Typical 110kV Overhead Line End Interface Tower / End Mast	1:75	A1
BRK_PAS_GA_015	Typical 110kV Transformer Bund & Plinth Details	1:30, 1:50	A1
BRK_PAS_GA_016	Typical Anemometer Mast Elevations	1:200, 1:75	A1
BRK_PAS_GA_017	Typical Joint Bay Specification	1:50	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_018	Typical Communications Chamber Specification	1:20	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_019	Typical Link Box Chamber Specification	1:20	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_020	Typical Directional Drilling Specification	1:200	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_021	Typical Foul Holding Tank Details	1:50, 1:75	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_022	Typical 110kV Cable Trench Detail Through Access Tracks	1:10	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_023	Typical 110kV Cable Trench Detail Through Off Road	1:10	A3
BRK_PAS_GA_024	Typical 110kV Cable Trench Detail Through Public Roadway	1:10	A3

Annex 2 – Schedule of Pre-Application Consultations

An Bord Pleanála

The proposed development was the subject of mandatory pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála. As prescribed by legislation, the purpose of the pre-application consultations was twofold. Firstly, to determine whether the proposed development constituted SID; and if so, secondly, to give advice to the Applicant on the procedures involved in making such an application and what considerations, related to proper planning and sustainable development or the likely significant environmental effects, in the opinion of An Bord Pleanála, may have a bearing decision in relation to any subsequent SID planning application.

A meeting was held between the Applicant and An Bord Pleanála on 14 May 2020. During this meeting, advice was given to the Applicant on the key environmental factors which would be relevant as part of the EIAR for any subsequent SID planning application. A copy of the meeting record was subsequently furnished to the Applicant which listed the following pertinent environmental factors to be addressed in the EIAR:-

- Natural Heritage;
- Bats and birds;
- Planning Policy;
- Traffic and construction traffic routes;
- Residential amenities;
- Connection to the national electricity grid;
- Presence of peatland in surrounding landscape;
- Cultural Heritage;
- Visual impact on the surrounding landscape; and
- Ecological impacts, including potential effects on designated sites.

In issuing its determination that the proposed development constitutes SID, An Bord Pleanála advised the Applicant in relation to the planning application procedures and also provided a list of prescribed bodies, which were considered relevant and to be consulted by the Applicant. Each of these prescribed bodies have also been notified by the Applicant in relation to the planning application for the proposed development.

Westmeath County Council

A scoping request was issued to Westmeath County Council on 25 March 2020 and included the 'Outline Scoping Report' in order to provide the Planning Authority with sufficient information on the proposed development and its possible environmental effects. A response was received, dated 13 July 2020; and referred to matters including statutory planning policy, environmental considerations, natural & built heritage, grid connection, reasonable alternatives, socio-economic effects and residential amenity.

Consultation meetings with Westmeath County Council were held (online) on 27 August 2020 and 27 January 2021. During the meetings, the project was described in detail together with the relevant environmental factors; including, *inter alia*, population & human health (proximity to residential dwellings), biodiversity, transport, flooding, and landscape and visual amenity; to be addressed in the EIAR. Other matters discussed during the meeting included the project's connection to the national electricity grid, cultural heritage and community consultation. The

Planning Authority also requested that the Applicant have regard to a number of publications including the *County Heritage Plan 2018-2023*, *County Biodiversity Action Plan 2014-2020* and *County Peatlands Study 2005*. A written record of the meeting was subsequently provided to the Planning Authority.

The final project layout, as proposed in the accompanying planning application was furnished to the Planning Authority on 9 April 2021 who were invited to provide comment on same.

Meath County Council

A scoping request was issued to Meath County Council on 25 March 2020 and included the 'Outline Scoping Report'. Correspondence was received from Meath County Council dated 26 January 2021 advising that they had no comments to make at that time.

A series of separate consultation meetings were held (telephone discussions); dated 8 June 2020, 7 September 2020 and 11 January 2020; with Meath County Council (Planning Authority). During the discussions, the proposed development was described in detail including the ongoing evolution of the project design, and matters including residential amenity and flood risk were also discussed. The final project layout was also furnished to Meath County Council on 9 April 2021.

Annex 3 – Schedule of Prescribed Bodies

Each of the following prescribed bodies have been notified of the planning application for the proposed development and have been furnished with a copy (or copies as may be appropriate) of all planning application documentation.

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage;
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media (c/o Development Applications Unit);
- Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine;
- Minister for Environment, Climate & Communications;
- Minister for Transport;
- Eastern & Midland Regional Assembly;
- Meath County Council;
- Westmeath County Council;
- Irish Water
- Inland Fisheries Ireland;
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland;
- Environmental Protection Agency;
- The Heritage Council;
- An Taisce;
- An Chomhairle Ealaíon (The Arts Council)
- Fáilte Ireland
- Irish Aviation Authority; and
- Health & Safety Authority

A copy of each notification letter is provided within the planning application pack.