

**SITE NOTICE**  
**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)**  
**Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála**  
**in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development**  
**Kilkenny County Council and Carlow County Council**

In accordance with Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), White Hill Wind Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year permission in relation to a proposed development in the townlands of Shankill and Ballygorteen, County Kilkenny; and Moanmore, Lackan and Baunreagh, County Carlow; as follows:-

- i. A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electricity substation, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings (with a total gross floor area of 622 square metres [m<sup>2</sup>]); transformers, busbars, insulators, circuit breakers, and lightning poles, within a secure compound (with a total footprint of approximately 10,600m<sup>2</sup>);
- ii. 2 no. lattice-type interface masts, each of which will be 16m in height, and approximately 320m of underground electricity line between the electricity substation and the interface masts to facilitate connection of the electricity substation to the existing Kellis-Kilkenny 110kV overhead electricity transmission line;
- iii. A new site entrance from the L66732 and approximately 1.1km of access track to facilitate access to the electricity substation and interface masts;
- iv. The demolition of an existing agricultural shed (with a total gross floor area of 210m<sup>2</sup>) to accommodate the access track leading to the electricity substation;
- v. The widening of the carriageway of the L66732 by approximately 1.5m over a distance of approximately 130m;
- vi. An electrical control unit with a total gross floor area of 42m<sup>2</sup> located at the permitted White Hill Wind Farm (An Bord Pleanála Reference ABP-315365-22);
- vii. A new site entrance from the L7117 and approximately 250m of access track to facilitate access to the electrical control unit;
- viii. Approximately 8.8km of underground electricity line between the electricity substation and the electrical control unit to be installed within private lands and the carriageways of the L6673, L6738, L7117 and L71172 public roads; and,
- ix. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works; including a temporary construction compound and the provision of site drainage infrastructure and surface water protection measures.

The site of the proposed development has a total area of approximately 35 hectares. The proposed development will facilitate the export of renewable electricity generated at the permitted White Hill Wind Farm to the national electricity grid.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development 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 21 March 2025 at the following locations:-

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902;
- The Offices of Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, R95 A39T; and,
- The Offices of Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow, R93 E7R7.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may also be viewed or downloaded on the following website: [www.whitehillwindfarmsubstation.ie](http://www.whitehillwindfarmsubstation.ie).

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902; or via the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations](http://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations); during the abovementioned 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 significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions or 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 9 May 2025. Such submissions or 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 the application should be sent; and
- 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](http://www.pleanala.ie)).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to:-

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval; or
- (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified; or
- (iii) grant permission/approval 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 permission to grant the permission/approval.

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 Boards website ([www.pleanala.ie](http://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](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)).

**Signed:** Galetech Energy Services

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