

# Keerglen Wind Farm

## Project Newsletter No.2

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### Introduction

ABO Wind Ireland Limited (ABO Wind) are developing a wind farm proposal in your local area within the townland of Keerglen, Co. Mayo.

Since launching our project proposals back in November 2021, we have spoken with members of the community living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed wind farm site as well as other interested individuals to discuss the proposals and address any initial comments or concerns.

We are sending out this project update newsletter to ensure that people in the community are kept informed as to the progress of the Keerglen Wind Farm proposals, and to ensure there is an opportunity for the local community to communicate directly with ABO Wind throughout the development process.

We will be facilitating an event to provide information on the project. This will take place through a public consultation in Ballycastle Community Hall on Wednesday the 21st of June 2023. The event will take place from 4-8pm. Further details are provided at the bottom of this newsletter.

Once you have had the opportunity to review this newsletter, should you require additional information on any element of the project please feel free to make contact with the Community Liaison Officer at a time of your convenience using the contact details provided overleaf.

Please be assured that we will continue to make every effort possible to ensure that we address any concerns that you may have and provide you with the information you need in order to fully understand the details of this proposed project.

### Why this Site?

Several factors need to be taken into account when determining the suitability of a site for a prospective Wind Farm development. The Keerglen Wind Farm site is deemed suitable for the following primary reasons:

- ▶ It is designated within the “Tier 1 – Preferred and Tier 2 – Open for Consideration” categories in the Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) for County Mayo 2011-2020. Tier 1 – Preferred means that potential for wind farm development is greatest in these designated areas. Tier 2 Open for Consideration means that wind farm developments may be considered appropriate subject to detailed environmental assessment.
- ▶ Is not subject to any environmental designation i.e. it is not located within s Special Area of Conservation, a Special Protection Area or a Natural Heritage Area.
- ▶ Landscape and visual impact studies indicate that the site has the suitability of accommodating a Wind Farm development of this size.
- ▶ It benefits from good annual average wind speeds.

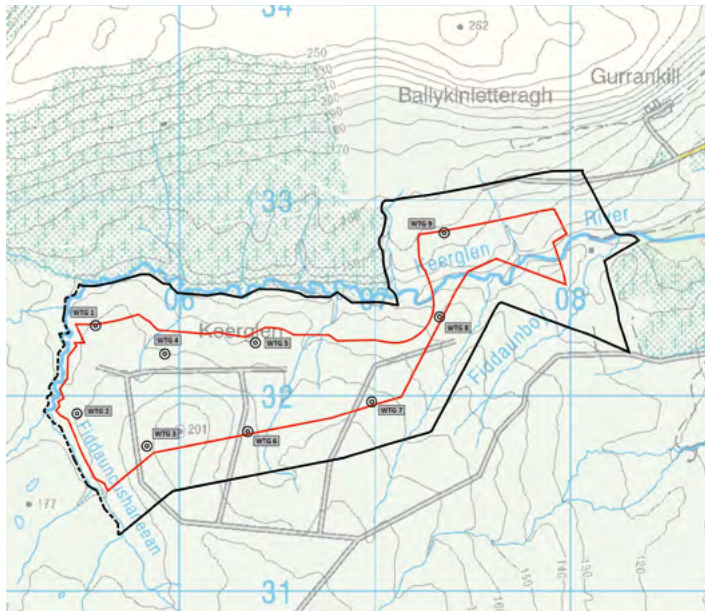
*View of the site from an internal road*



## Current Layout

In November 2021 we publicised the preliminary site layout for consultation with the local community. As outlined at that time, following initial feasibility studies we considered that the site had the capacity to accommodate up to 14 wind turbines.

Over the last 18 months, we have continued to carry out more detailed planning and environmental assessments of the site. From these assessments we have reduced the number of turbines and are now proposing a Wind Farm development of up to 9 turbines. The most up to date site layout is provided below:

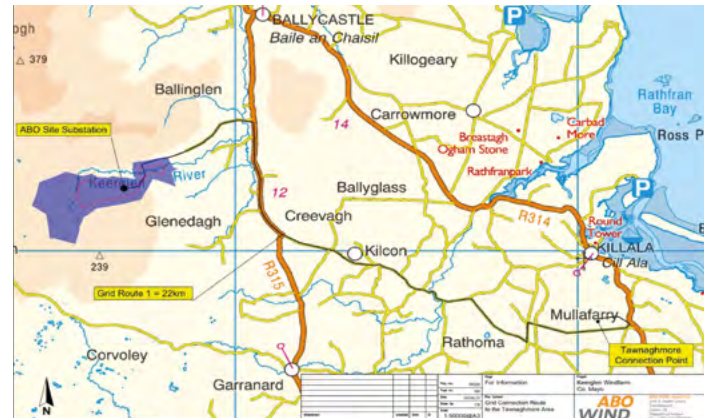


— Property Boundary — Wind Farm Site Boundary

## Grid Connection Route

We have also been assessing the route to export the electricity generated from Keerglen Wind Farm. Electricity generated from the proposed development will be exported via a 38kV underground cable from a proposed electrical substation at the Wind Farm site. The final destination of the export cable has not yet been determined but it is expected to connect in the Tawnaghmore area. Further assessment on this aspect of the grid connection will be conducted and concluded in the coming months.

At this stage it is proposed that the grid connection infrastructure will be installed underground within the body of the public road network along the route.



## Turbary Rights

ABO Wind are encouraging anyone claiming a right to cut turf within a 50m radius of the proposed 9 turbine locations to get in touch with us. We have erected a sign at each of the proposed 9 turbine locations on the site which includes contact information on how to get in touch with us. You can also use the contact information provided at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Contact Details

Please be assured that we are actively monitoring the feedback received through both the website forum and e-mail address and will respond to any queries in a timely manner. We will continue to make every effort possible to ensure that we address any concerns that you may have and provide you with the information you need in order to fully understand the details of this proposed project.

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## Next Steps

Come join us at our public consultation event:

**When: Wednesday 21st of June 2023**

**Time: 4pm – 8pm**

**Where: Ballycastle Community Hall  
Main Street, Ballycastle, Mayo,  
Ireland F26 W180**

We would like to invite you to our public consultation event where we will display our proposals for Keerglen Wind Farm. Members of the project team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you at the event.