



View from a local road at Curraheen towards the Site to the East

Knockroe Wind Farm

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Introduction

ABO Wind Ireland Limited (ABO Wind) are developing a wind farm proposal in your local area within the townlands of Knockroe, Kilnagranagh and Tullowcussaun, Co. Tipperary.

Since launching our project proposals back in December 2020, 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 Knockroe 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 another event to provide information on the project in the near future. This will most likely take place through an online virtual public exhibition platform to ensure the health and safety of all those participants involved in the process during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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?

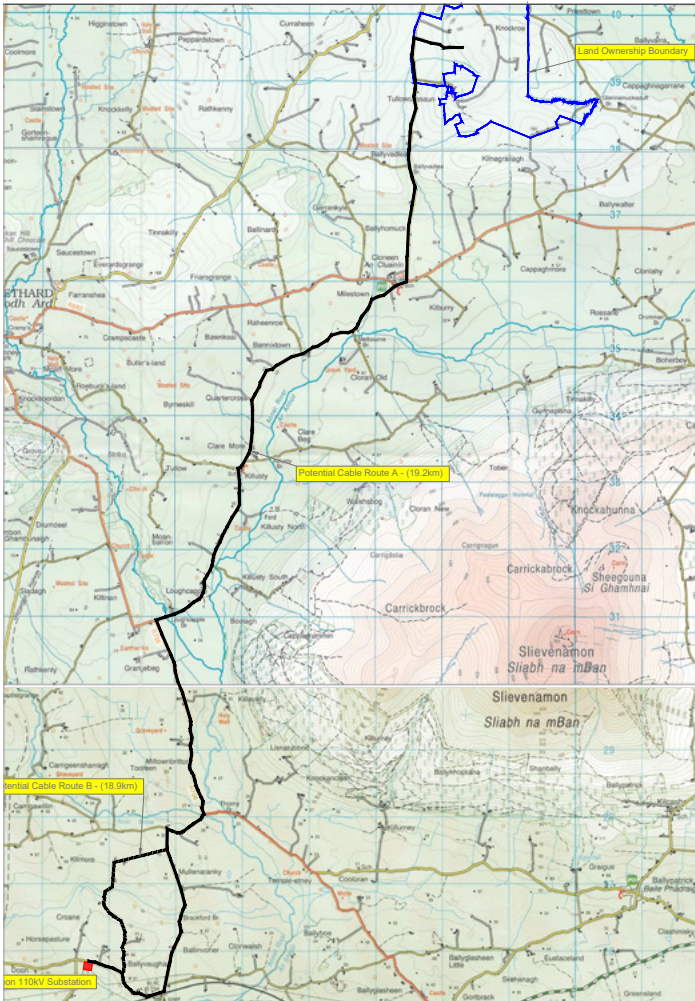
Several factors need to be taken into account when determining the suitability of a site for a prospective Wind Farm development. The Knockroe Wind Farm site is deemed suitable for the following primary reasons:

- It is designated within the “Areas Open for Consideration” category in the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009 (as varied). This 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
- It does not contain any particularly sensitive habitats i.e. there will be little ecological impact
- 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

Grid Connection Route

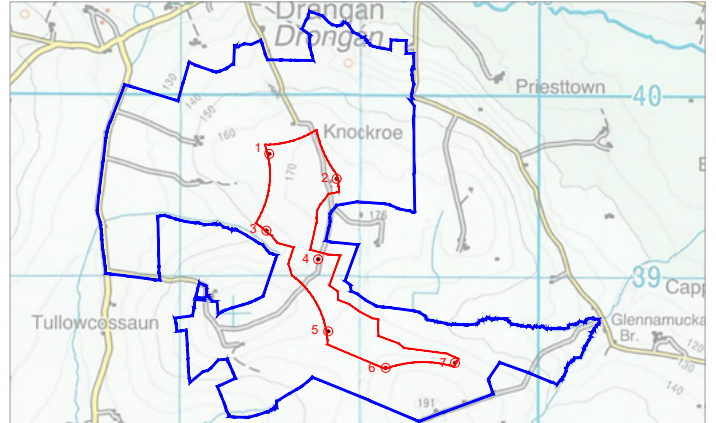
We have also been assessing the route to connect Knockroe Wind Farm to the national electricity grid. Electricity generated from the proposed development will be connected to the national electricity grid via a 38kV underground cable from a proposed electrical substation at the Wind Farm to the existing 38kV/110kV substation at Doon, in the townland of Ballyvaughan, County Tipperary. As illustrated in the adjacent map, two options currently exist to facilitate the final stretch of the connection to Doon substation. 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.



Current Layout

In December 2020 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 8 wind turbines. Over the last few 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 7 turbines. The most up to date site layout is provided below:



Current Site Layout - Property Boundary (Blue Line) and Wind Farm Site Boundary (Red Line)

Next Steps

The proposed Knockroe Wind Farm project is now at a stage where we are beginning to conclude the environmental assessments that are required to inform the final layout of the wind farm. These studies will be compiled into an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will be submitted along with the planning application to Tipperary County Council. Throughout this stage of the project, engagement with the local community, interested stakeholders and other statutory consultees will continue.

We are targeting submitting the planning application and the EIAR in Quarter 2 2021. However, as previously outlined, a virtual public exhibition will be organised prior to submission of the planning application. Details of this exhibition will be circulated in due course.

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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