

SITE NOTICE

Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended)

Notice of Significant Additional Information to An Bord Pleanála in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Under Reference Number ABP-318782-24, County Clare (Clare County Council)

In accordance with sub-section 2(b) of 37E of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) Orsted Onshore Ireland Midco Limited, gives notice of its furnishing of significant additional information to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the following proposed development within the townlands of Ballycar (North), Belvoir, Cloghera, Cloonsheerea, Cloontra, Cloontra East, Cloontra West, Crag, Derrynaveagh, Derryvinnaan, Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Merritt), Drumsillagh or Sallybank (Parker), Gortacullin, Knockbrack Lower, Knockshanvo, Kyle, Mountrice, Oatfield and Snaty (Massy), Co. Clare.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- I. 11 no. three-blade wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height range of 176.5m to 180m, a rotor diameter range of 133m to 150m and a hub height range of 105m to 110m;
- II. Construction of associated reinforced concrete foundations, crane pad hard-standing areas and associated plant/switching gear;
- III. Construction of new permanent, internal site tracks and upgrading of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure including a clear-span bridge (circa 10m length), concrete culverts and the installation of an on-site Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS);
- IV. 2 no. temporary spoil storage areas: one in the western development area and one in the eastern development area;
- V. Erection of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast in the western development area with a height of 100 m above existing ground level;
- VI. All associated internal, underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to an on-site substation located in the western development area;
- VII. Provision of underground interconnecting 33kV IPP cabling and underground cable joint bays circa. every 750-1,000m for circa. 10.4km (joining eastern and western development areas) within the public road network including the R471;
- VIII. Provision of 1 no. 110kV onsite substation and parking in the western development area (Townland of Oatfield), along with associated control and switchgear building, associated electrical plant and equipment, associated security fencing, external lighting and lightning protection, security cameras and all associated infrastructure;
- IX. All works associated with the connection of the wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a loop-in 110kV underground cable connection (circa. 4.3km cable length and joint bays circa. every 750m), to the existing 110kV overhead line in the townland of Ballycar North, with 2 no. new 16m steel lattice end masts & associated overhead line electrical infrastructure, located at the interface with the existing 110kV overhead line;
- X. 2 nos. temporary construction compounds, including offices/meeting rooms, parking and transformer;
- XI. 10 no. individual site access points and tracks to turbines, on-site sub-station, met mast, temporary spoil storage & temporary construction compound areas from the local road network/public trackway running north of the R471;
- XII. Forest & tree felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;
- XIII. Temporary works to accommodate turbine delivery route (TDR) in the townland of Knockbrack Lower;
- XIV. All associated site development works including Construction, Operation and Decommissioning stage site-lighting, fencing and signage.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany the planning application.

The significant additional information will be available for inspection free of charge or purchased upon payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making a copy), during public opening hours for a period commencing on the **21st July 2025** at the following locations:

The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

The Offices of Clare County Council Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

The documentation will be made available for viewing/downloading on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie

The documentation may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: <https://oatfieldplanning.ie/>

Submissions or observations in relation to the significant additional information may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (The Board), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie relating to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development.
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, if carried out.
- (iii) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies). There is no fee required to make a submission in relation to those parties/individuals who have already made a valid written submission to the Board regarding the application. Submissions or observations must be received by the Board no later than **5.30 p.m. on the 22nd August 2025**. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:


- (i) 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 to the application should be sent.
- (ii) The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- (iii) The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

Any enquiries relating to the significant additional information should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel: 01 8588100)

A person may question the validity of any such decision by the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules 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 under the heading Information on cases/Weekly lists – Judicial review of planning decisions on the Board's website (www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Signed:	 of Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd (Agents for Orsted)	Date of Erection of Site Notice: 15 th July 2025
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