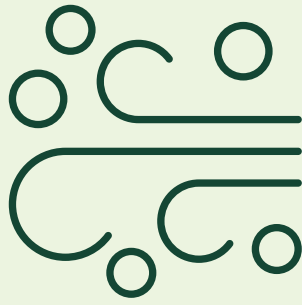


Cloncreen Wind Farm Project Newsletter

Summer 2021

Bord na Móna





Welcome

Dear Reader,

Welcome to our Summer 2021 newsletter edition. There have been a number of project highlights since our last newsletter including the completion of the 21km of internal road network and the commencement of the construction of the substation – major milestones for the project. Over the coming weeks, construction activities will increase on site with the commencement of turbine foundation pours.

Inside this newsletter edition, you will find information on the finance agreement for the project, the construction community benefit fund, key project highlights to date including the local economic benefit of the project and detail on what's planned next. Please be assured that I will make every effort to engage with you during the construction phase of the development and will communicate key project updates with you as they occur. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our text messaging system for the construction phase of the project. This system will be used throughout the construction of the wind farm to keep you informed on key project activities. If you have not yet signed up, please visit: www.cloncreenwindfarm.ie to join.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to thank local residents, community groups and local businesses for their continued cooperation and support during the construction of Cloncreen Wind Farm.

Yours Faithfully,

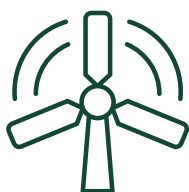
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Stephen Gonoude
Community Liaison



Overview of wind farm

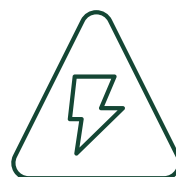
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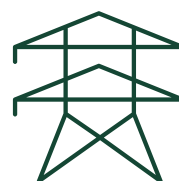
**21 V136–3.45 MW
Vestas wind turbines**
each with an overall tip
height of 170m



**21km of
access road**



**Onsite electrical
substation**



**75 MW installed
generating capacity**

The main contractors for the project are:



Civil:
Farrans



Electrical:
H&MV Engineering



Turbine:
Vestas

Bank of Ireland and EIB to finance Cloncreen Wind Farm

In May, Bank of Ireland and the European Investment Bank (EIB) agreed to finance €100 million for Bord na Móna's Cloncreen Wind Farm. The renewable energy project will be able to supply up to 55,000 homes with renewable energy per annum.

This is the first project under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme to receive

financing and when completed, will be another contribution towards Bord na Móna's objective to supply approximately one third of Irish homes with renewable energy by 2030.

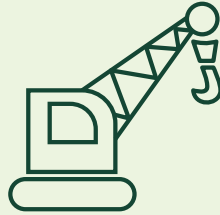
Bank of Ireland and the European Investment Bank are the Mandated Lead Arrangers for the project financing and each providing 50% of debt.

Key project highlights to date

Construction works for Cloncreen Wind Farm are underway since July 2020.
Key project highlights to date include:



Successful in the first
Renewable Energy
Support Scheme Auction



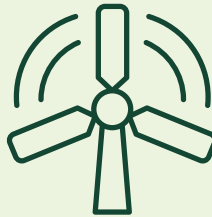
Main site works
commenced



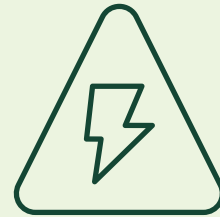
There are currently 52
construction staff on site



21km of internal road
network completed



Construction of Turbine
Hardstands and
Foundation commenced



Construction of the
Substation Platform
and Substation building
commenced



Community Action Plan
under development



Direct investment
of almost €1.5 million
in the Offaly economy
by the project



Over 50% of the projects
workers reside in the
Midlands Region*

*Offaly, Westmeath,
Longford and Laois

Construction of Turbine Foundations



Over the coming weeks, works on the turbine foundations will commence. During this period there will be, on occasion, an increased number of delivery trucks bringing concrete to the site for concrete pour works. The project team envisages that there will be minimal impacts on local road users during this period. We will continue to keep local residents updated on these deliveries via our dedicated text messaging system.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Should you wish to express an interest in working on the wind farm development, or providing services or materials to the project, contractors/sub-contractors or Bord na Móna on the project, we continue to invite you to send an expression of interest to: **cloncreenwindfarm@bnm.ie**

Please state on your expression of interest which aspect of the wind farm development (civil, electrical, engineering services, civil engineering and construction, electrical engineering and construction, turbine supply and installation, and turbine operation and maintenance) you are interested in working on. Your expression of interest will then be forwarded to the relevant party for consideration. Please note that an expression of interest does not guarantee employment nor is it an offer of employment and has no

legal effect. Bord na Móna is facilitating the transfer of expressions of interest only. It will be solely a matter for the relevant party how they deal with and respond to any expression of interest.

For the purposes of data protection, please note that the only personal data that we hold will be the details you submit on your “Expression of Interest” (name, address, email, contact number etc). Your details will be stored in a secure encrypted database on the Bord na Móna servers for a period of six months. By sending this information to the project email you are consenting to Bord na Móna forwarding this information to the wind farm contractors. The wind farm contractors will be subject to relevant data protection legislation which includes the requirement to protect any personal data they held for the purposes of providing the service.

Community benefit

OPERATIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND OVERVIEW

It is envisaged that in July 2021 that the Minister (or a nominated body) will be publishing “A Good Practice Principles Handbook” in relation to the Community Benefit Fund. This handbook will set out a range of principles and guidance on these Community Benefit Funds. This Fund will not open until the wind farm enters commercial operation. As more guidance and information becomes available to us on how these funds should be structured, we will continue to keep the local community and near neighbours informed.

CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND NOW OPEN!

In addition to the Operational Community Benefit Fund mentioned above, Cloncreen Wind Farm has launched a Construction Community Benefit Fund to facilitate the support of local community projects prior to the commencement of the Operational

Community Benefit Fund. Should your local community project committee wish to apply for funding, please visit www.cloncreenwindfarm.ie to complete your application*. Organisations requiring any help or support with their application can contact us via: cloncreenwindfarm@bnm.ie with their enquiries. Community based and voluntary organisations located within or working with communities in the vicinity of the development or turbine transport route are encouraged to apply for support through the fund. Priority will be given to locations directly impacted by the construction works or transport route. Only one application per group, per year may be submitted. Applications will not be accepted from individuals. For further details on the terms and conditions of the Fund please visit: www.cloncreenwindfarm.ie

*Please note that submission of application does not guarantee funding. Requests are evaluated on a case by case basis.





Stay updated

As part of our commitment to community engagement, we are keen to keep the local community and other interested parties up to date on developments of this project and, to provide opportunities to share feedback.

If you haven't done so already but would like to receive project news via...

POST: Join our mailing list by visiting www.cloncreenwindfarm.ie or email cloncreenwindfarm@bnm.ie and completing the short sign up form.

TEXT: Join text message alert system by visiting www.cloncreenwindfarm.ie or email cloncreenwindfarm@bnm.ie and completing the short sign up form.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Our Community Liaison Officer Stephen Gonoude is available to meet and discuss any queries you may have in relation to the construction of the wind farm. If you have any queries, please contact:

Phone: **087-3486624**

Email: cloncreenwindfarm@bnm.ie

We will also continue to provide updates through future newsletters, texts and via the dedicated project website: www.cloncreenwindfarm.ie



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