



Clare County Council  
Planning Department  
Áras Contae an Chláir  
New Road  
Ennis  
County Clare  
V95 DXP2

**Our Ref:** 170238  
**Your Ref:** -

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Re: MCRE Windfarm Ltd – Cahermurphy Two Wind Farm Planning Application**

Dear Sir/Madam,

MKO have been instructed by their Client MCRE Windfarm Ltd (the Applicant), to prepare and lodge a planning application for a wind farm development at Cahermurphy, Co. Clare.

The development will consist of

1. Construction of up to 10 No. wind turbines with a maximum overall blade tip height of up to 170 metres and associated hardstand areas;
2. 1 no. permanent Meteorological Mast with a maximum height of up to 100 metres;
3. 1 no. 38kV permanent electrical substation which will be constructed at one of two possible locations on site: either Option A in Carrownagry South townland or Option B in Cahermurphy townland. The electrical substation will have 1 no. control building with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, all associated underground cabling, waste water holding tank and all ancillary works;
4. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed on-site substation;
5. All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid via an underground cable to the existing Booltiagh 110kV substation;
6. Upgrade of existing tracks, roads and provision of new site access roads and hardstand areas;
7. Junction access road works;
8. 2 no. borrow pits;
9. 1 no. temporary construction compound;
10. Site Drainage;
11. Forestry Felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development; and
12. All associated and ancillary site development works.

The development is within the following townlands:

- Windfarm - Cahermurphy, Knocknahila More South, Carrownagry South, Caheraghacullin, and Drummin
- Underground grid connection cable to the National Grid - Cahermurphy, Drummin, Doolough, Glenmore and Booltiagh.

The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the wind farm.



The application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement ('NIS') and Environmental Impact Assessment Report ('EIAR').

The application pack comprises the following:

- Planning Application Forms
- Planning Site Notice (copy)
- Planning Newspaper Notice (copy and original)
- EIA Portal Confirmation ref: **2020157**
- Landowner Consents
- Clare County Council Roads Section Consent
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report
  - EIAR Volume 1 - Non-Technical Summary and Main Body
  - EIAR Volume 2 - Photomontage Booklet
  - EIAR Volume 3a and 3b - Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement

The planning fee has been calculated as follows:

- Class 13 - €10 for each 0.1ha of site area =  $(145\text{ha} / 0.1 \times €10) = €14,500$   
Plus  
Class 4 - €3.60 per square metre gross floor space for control/substation building =  $(135\text{sqm} \times €3.60) = €486$
- **TOTAL** = €14,986

This has been to the Council via cheque on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. A receipt confirming such is included with this letter for completeness.


The proposed planning application has been advertised within the Clare Champion published on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020, dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

As agreed, please find enclosed 10no. hard copies of the planning application pack along with 1no. electronic copies (USB).

Due to the size of the subject site and the nature of the proposed development, the scales and extent of the planning drawings being submitted as part of the current planning application have been discussed and agreed with the Planning Authority in advance of lodgement. This represents an agreement in accordance with Article 23(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) ("the Regulations"), which permits the submission of alternative scales of drawings to those normally required, subject to prior agreement with the Planning Authority.

Following discussions with Clare County Council in the lead up to the lodgement of this planning application I trust that you have all the required information required to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

  
**Meabhann Crowe, MRTPI**  
**MKO Planning**

Encl.

