



Tel: Freephone 1800 140 240
Email: clo@whitehillwindfarm.ie
Web: www.whitehillwindfarm.ie

White Hill Wind Farm,
Carlow Wind.Ltd
Clondargan,
Stradone,
Co. Cavan
H12NV06

29th October 2021

Dear Homeowner,

Continued Community Consultation for proposed White Hill Wind Farm

The White Hill wind farm project team are advancing plans for a proposed wind farm in the townland of Knocknabranagh & Knockbaun, Co.Carlow and Coolcullen, Co.Kilkenny.

This project is a proposed wind energy development of approximately 7 wind turbines at a height of approx. 180 meters, with a typical output of approximately 5-6 Megawatts per turbine of renewable energy – enough to provide approximately 30,500 Irish Households with green energy every year.

The temporary 80 meter met mast has been installed on the proposed wind farm site as exempt development to collect wind speeds, wind direction, temperature, humidity and air pressure, which will be used to predict and analyse the energy that the wind farm can produce on site. We are awaiting a planning decision to increase height of Met Mast to 100 meters which we hope to do in 2022.

From our discussions on door-to-door consultation in June 2021 we have now committed to **zero** shadow flicker on the White Hill wind farm project.

Thanks to technology and accurate calculations, which can pinpoint the time when shadow flicker could occur, turbines are shut down automatically to prevent shadow flicker.

We are currently carrying out a comprehensive EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) as part of the planning process, consulting all relevant statutory and environmental bodies to ensure that any potential impacts are mitigated.

We have an ecologist, bat surveyor, visual impact assessment, community consultation, noise monitoring and other consultants working on site and already have a number of years monitoring. The final design will be based on these results.

This information can be presented to people when we have it in report form. At this stage, surveys are ongoing and it will be compiled into report format as soon as the raw data has been gathered in its entirety. This information will also be available on the White Hill Wind Farm website and will be shared as part of our planning application.

This final detail design will be communicated in the coming months. We will have clinics available at this time for residents and the local community. I will notify you via letter, local radio and our website; www.whitehillwindfarm.ie.

While we await final design, we are continuing our engagement with the local & wider community by providing information and answering any questions the general public may have using our freephone and online services listed.

A reminder of these details are as follows:

- We have a **freephone number 1800 140 240**, which you can dial free of charge to request a call back from the project team.
- We have an email address **clo@whitehillwindfarm.ie**
- We have committed to post regular updates on our project **website** at www.whitehillwindfarm.ie
- Further door to door consultation commencing shortly

As part of our pre planning and planning process, we will continue to engage and consult fully with all the community. We appeal to the local community to have their say at this stage of the development so as to maximise the project benefits to all the neighbouring community. We will not be submitting our planning application for the wind farm development until March 2022.

This project will create up to 100 jobs during the construction phase and will also provide a substantial community benefit fund each year to help support local community projects and payments to households within a 2km radius. The total fund will be approximately €252,000 per year for 15 years (€36,000 per turbine)*. The substantial community fund will be administered in accordance with Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) best practice and grants will be made available after one year of wind farm operation.

To register your interest or if you have any queries regarding these funds, please contact us on clo@whitehillwindfarm.ie or 087 1163978.

The White Hill wind farm will also play its part in assisting in Ireland's commitment to increase its renewable energy sources in the post 2020 period, with the Government pledging to generate 80% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030 forming part of Ireland's new climate action plan.

We look forward to hearing from you and answering any queries you may have.

Yours faithfully,



Deirdre Keegan,
Community Liaison Officer,
White Hill Wind Farm Project Team.

E: clo@whitehillwindfarm.ie

Freephone: 1800 140 240

T: 090 66 43014/ M: 087 1163978

*The community fund is calculated in accordance with the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) terms and conditions at €2 per MWh of electricity produced by the project. This is to be made available to the local community for the duration of the RESS (15 years). The figures are approximate and based on a 7 turbine layout