

Community Engagement



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1 Introduction

The proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm (Inchamore Wind Farm) is a co-development between FuturEnergy Ireland and SSE Renewables. FuturEnergy Ireland is a joint venture company owned on a 50:50 basis by Coillte and ESB. The Coillte project portfolio and renewable energy team transitioned to FuturEnergy Ireland when the company launched in November 2021.

The co-development between FuturEnergy Ireland and SSE Renewables is seeking planning permission from Cork County Council and Kerry County Council to construct and operate a commercially viable wind farm project on lands located within an agricultural and forested landscape west of Ballyvourney and northwest of Coolea in Co. Cork. The total land parcel extends to approximately 167 hectares, of which a significant area is commercial forest owned by Coillte. The remaining land is third-party property in Co. Cork.

From the outset, the project team consulted with the local community and commenced this engagement prior to the start of the project design and environmental assessment. Our objective was to ensure that the views and concerns of all members of the local community were considered as part of the project design and the Environmental Impact Assessment process.

In relation to national guidance on community engagement and consultation for wind energy developments, the *Wind Energy Development Guidelines* (Department of Environment, Heritage, and Local Government, 2006) state that:

“While it is not a mandatory requirement, it is strongly recommended that developers of a wind energy project should engage in active consultation and dialogue with the local community at an early stage in the planning process, ideally prior to submitting a planning application.”

This was further addressed in the *Preferred Draft Approach to Wind Energy Development in Ireland* (June 2017), which stated the following with respect to planning applications for wind farms:

“Planning applications must contain a Community Report prepared by the applicant which will specify how the final proposal reflects community consultation. The Community Report must also outline steps taken to ensure that the proposed development will be of enduring economic benefit to the communities concerned.”

The *Draft Revised Wind Energy Guidelines* (Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, 2019) has retained this position, stating:

“In order to promote the observance of best practice, planning authorities should require applicants to prepare and submit a Community Report with their planning application and a condition on any subsequent planning permission should require developers to carry out the development in accordance with the approved Community Report.”

2 Background

This Community Report outlines engagement and liaison with the community local to the An Inse Mhór area and the proposed wind farm.

FuturEnergy Ireland has a long history of working with communities and our experience around the country has generated an inherent understanding of the communities in which we operate. We aspire to work **with** the communities surrounding our energy sites and wish to build projects that are good for us as a commercial company, good for our neighbours, and that contribute to the fulfilment of national and global climate change objectives.

FuturEnergy Ireland has developed four wind farms in Ireland over the past decade and has learnt many valuable lessons in relation to working with local communities and the importance of including local people in decisions that affect them. In 2017, the Coillte Renewable Energy Team undertook a review of our Community Engagement process and embarked on the design of a radically enhanced approach with the support of AstonEco Management.

The key elements of this approach, referred to as our 'Fair Play' model, are:

- Detailed and systematic engagement with all close neighbours to the project (within 2km) from a very early stage of project design.
- Open, transparent dialogue and communications.
- Creating opportunities for open, two-way dialogue on key issues.
- Involvement of the local community at all stages of the project design process.
- Empowering local communities to be part of project discussions that affect them.
- Ensuring that the local community have access to all relevant information as soon as it is available, in an understandable format.

This approach emphasises a focus on the residents of dwellings within 2km of the initial proposed 6 turbine layout as they will be closest and will therefore be most sensitive to any potential effects caused by the development.

In the past, engagement has commenced when the project is almost fully designed and being prepared for planning submission. In our 'Fair Play' approach we start engagement as soon as a site has been identified as suitable for detailed environmental studies within the FuturEnergy Ireland internal screening process. This approach also recognises the need to keep people who live further away from the development informed about the project as details become more defined.

In order to build better projects, we recognise the imperative of enabling meaningful engagement between the project team and the local residents. This engagement has to pass beyond just information provision to become open, transparent dialogue and involve people in decisions that affect them, to move towards a more collaborative approach to infrastructure design that has a national interest but a local impact.

What are our external drivers for stakeholder engagement?

- Actively engaging in the conversation helps raise awareness and provides insight that can ensure successful project outcomes for everyone.
- Active and open dialogue with our community stakeholders is essential for the success of our projects. It is through two-way dialogue that FuturEnergy Ireland can responsibly partner with local communities.
- FuturEnergy Ireland is committed to strengthening partnerships with local communities.
- Public support is achieved by actively working with communities towards mutually desirable goals. Meaningful communication with stakeholders creates trust and mutual respect, as well as a shared understanding and vision of what a successful project can look like.
- Timely, proactive, open and honest communication is a cornerstone of our Engagement Charter. This approach helps to minimise possible adverse impacts on our neighbours and contributes towards achieving positive social, economic and environmental outcomes.
- In line with national policy, FuturEnergy Ireland is committed to meaningful consultation, which brings about constructive local dialogue, as well as mutual trust and understanding.

3 FuturEnergy Ireland resources

In order to implement this 'Fair Play' approach, FuturEnergy Ireland has resourced this project with a number of dedicated staff from the outset. The following key personnel have been involved in Community Engagement on the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm from within FuturEnergy Ireland and SSE Renewables:

David Heelan of FuturEnergy Ireland is the lead project manager for the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. David has worked in the renewables and industrial production sectors throughout Ireland and the UK since 2008 with a more recent focus on asset management and performance optimisation. He believes that our work will deliver tangible benefits to the Irish energy sector and directly reduce the country's reliance on imported and expensive fossil fuels.

Garry Brides of SSE Renewables is the assistant project manager for the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. Garry has extensive experience in the development, construction, and acquisition phases of large-scale energy projects from onshore wind to open cycle gas turbines. He has broad knowledge of the complexities involved and understands the importance of meeting different stakeholder's requirements throughout the project lifecycle.

Brendan Twomey is Community Liaison Officer (CLO) for the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. Brendan enjoys working with people and brings many years of experience across different business sectors. Brendan is the local contact for the proposed project at An Inse Mhór.

Shane Lowry of FuturEnergy Ireland is the stakeholder manager for the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. As a former Community Liaison Officer on other company projects, Shane works closely with local CLOs to optimise communication and engagement.

Janine Thomas of FuturEnergy Ireland is communications and media manager for the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. Janine worked as a journalist for various national newspapers for over 15 years before joining the team. She brings her extensive media and communications experience to this project.

Sean Molloy is a senior associate and senior project manager in the renewable energy department at Jennings O'Donovan & Partners. Sean is a chartered engineer with 14 years' professional experience, which includes managing Environmental Impact Assessments, Civil and Environmental Design, preparation of Planning Documentation and Technical Reports and Stakeholder Consultation.

4 Summary of community engagement carried out

Before commencing community engagement, we needed to identify the 2km zone. As outlined above, FuturEnergy Ireland emphasises a focus on the residents of dwellings within 2km of the site because these people will be closest to the development and will be most sensitive to any potential effects caused by the proposed development.

This was achieved by taking the initial turbine layout and applying a 2km buffer. Within this area all dwellings — lived in, vacant and with the potential to be occupied — were mapped. As the design progressed, we established a “buildable” or more accurate developable area. We then applied a 2km buffer and began engagement with the residents within this area.

The Inse Mhór project appointed Brendan Twomey as the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) in summer 2020. The project Community Liaison Officer’s initial engagement commenced in July/August 2020 when he began calling to designated houses within the community to arrange agreement for and the placing of noise monitoring units around these dwellings that bordered the project perimeter.

Initial engagement

The role of a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) is to introduce and communicate key project information, timelines, updates, activities, benefits and proposals through direct and indirect community engagement, meetings and events with the project’s near neighbours and the wider community throughout the project lifecycle.

Initially, the CLO’s direct engagement focused on calling to all the houses within 2km of the study area. In September 2020, CLO Brendan Twomey hand-delivered Newsletter 1 to those who live within 2km of the proposed project study area.

At FuturEnergy Ireland, we believe that it is important to give out accurate, up-to-date information in print to each household in a timely manner - within about three days – to ensure all local households receive this at the same time. The CLO was on hand to discuss any queries, comments or concerns that residents may have had and to take back queries to the project managers. These initial conversations and questions highlighted topics that helped to inform the second newsletter.

The CLO’s work also included Saturdays and some evenings to try and meet residents unavailable during weekdays in an effort to reach out to all.

Early in the engagement process, the CLO contacted local interest groups from the wider community and local elected representatives and then kept them up-to-date and informed about this project. This commitment continued throughout the whole engagement process and will continue throughout the project’s life cycle.

At all stages of the project’s engagement cycle from 2020 to 2023, all our communications material included the CLO’s contact mobile phone number, the project email and postal address.

After the distribution and communication of updates in Newsletter 2 in March 2021, the dedicated project website address was also included. From this time onward, all project updates and newsletters were uploaded to the project website www.inchamorewindfarm.ie.

To acknowledge the region's Gaeltacht culture and heritage, the majority of our communications were provided in both Irish and English.

The project team replied to queries and questions that arose during the engagement lifecycle. Some requests for information were logged so that when the information became available it would be provided.

Next phase engagement

CLO Brendan hand-delivered Newsletter 3 in September 2021, which enabled socially distanced, outdoor conversations to be held during the pandemic. In November 2021, Brendan distributed a project update letter informing stakeholders that over the coming weeks, weather permitting, a 100-metre met mast for measuring wind speeds would be installed at Inchamore. This was followed in December 2021 by a letter from CEO Peter Lynch introducing FuturEnergy Ireland, which was distributed to near neighbours.

In March/April 2022 the Community Liaison Officer hand-delivered a project update letter, which gave him further opportunity to discuss the project with homeowners. Another project update letter followed in November 2022 to keep near neighbours, interest groups and elected representatives updated on progress.

In March 2023 a media release was distributed to local and regional journalists to mark the launch of Inse Mhór Wind Farm's detailed project brochure and Virtual Tour exhibition.

In tandem, the detailed 36-page project brochures with an accompanying invitation to the Virtual Tour were distributed to near neighbours and the wider community, special interest groups and local elected representatives.

The Virtual Tour is accessible to all via the project website www.inchamorewindfarm.ie. It provides a project overview, timeframes, site maps, team biographies, a summary of archaeology and cultural heritage, ecology, noise, landscape and visuals, a full set of photomontages, Community Benefit Fund information and a downloadable copy of the project brochure.

In April 2023, advertisements were placed in local newspapers with an invitation to attend an Inse Mhór Wind Farm local on-site community engagement clinic held in Arus Éamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodh, Co Chorcaí, P12 HY57, on Thursday April 20th and Friday April 21st.

In early April a letter of invitation to the community engagement clinic was distributed to the project's near neighbours, interest groups and local elected representatives. Posters were placed in local shops, the post office, the local Co-Op store, the filling station and in the local pub and posted on the local community Facebook page.

Queries and questions arose at the two-day community engagement clinic and the project team responded to these. Some requests for information were logged so that when the information became available it would be provided.

Our intention during May 2023 is to distribute a "Notice to submit into planning" letter to the project's nearest neighbours to keep them informed. In tandem, advertisements giving notice of the planning submission will be placed in a regional and national newspaper. Site notices in Irish and English will also be erected around the proposed project.

**(please see appendix for copies or a link to all communications materials provided)*

Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in protective restrictions of varying levels to reduce the spread and impact of the virus, from strict lockdowns through the gradual easing of restrictions to free movement and social interactions again. Our interaction adhered to Covid-19 guidelines at all stages of the engagement programme.

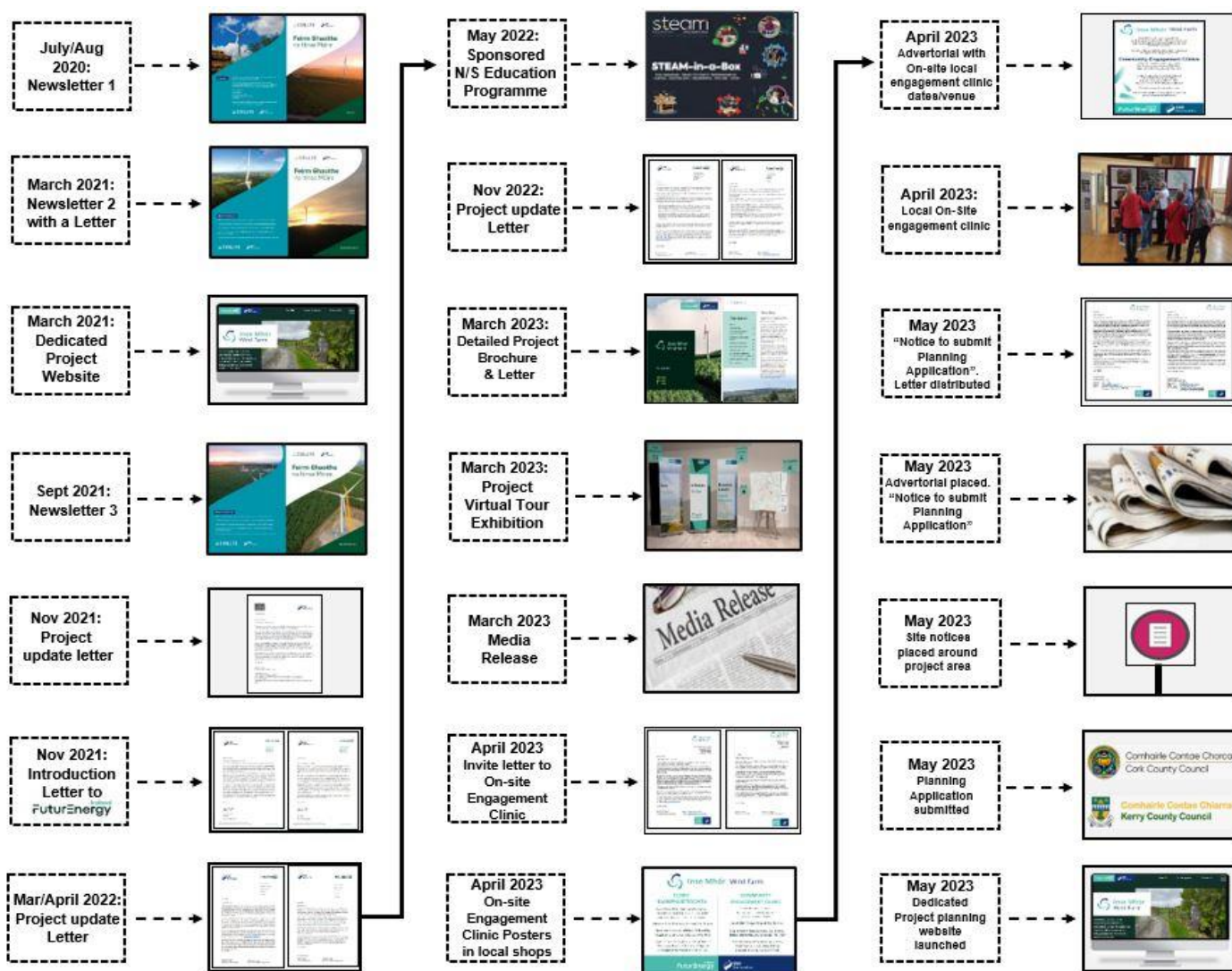
At varying stages, Covid-19 restrictions impacted our face-to-face engagement to differing degrees. However, we remained committed to keeping our neighbours informed about the progress of the project during these times through the use of mail drops/posting of newsletters, individual phone calls, emails, texts and letters to keep everyone updated.

At all stages of the engagement cycle, our communications material included our contact number, project email and postal address. After the distribution and communication of updates in Newsletter 2 in March 2021, our dedicated project website address was also included. From this time onward, all project updates and newsletters were continuously uploaded to the dedicated project website. In our communications we always included an invitation to make contact with any queries and questions.

As Covid-19 restrictions eased, where requested further liaison/communication was carried out individually or in small groups outdoors in line with the applicable public health policy in place. This allowed the project team to engage directly with residents and address their queries regarding the project design, which was beneficial to all parties.

When restrictions lifted, we commenced face-to-face engagement, culminating in a two-day local community engagement clinic, which was very well attended. Multiple hand sanitisers were made available at the entrance and at other locations. Signs encouraging social distancing and hand sanitising were on display around the room. Access to fire doors was left unobstructed and freely accessible. Windows were open to encourage ventilation. If someone came in wearing a mask we asked at the entrance if they would like us to wear one; this question was only necessary to ask once, and the stakeholder said it was unnecessary.

5 Infographic summary of community engagement 2020/2023



6 Detailed summary of community engagement 2020/2023

<p>Newsletter 1: July/August 2020.</p>	<p>An Irish and English version of an Introductory Newsletter 1 was distributed to all houses within 2km of the project area by our Community Liaison Officer. This included door-to-door calls, and call-backs to houses where nobody was at home. If no one was at home the second time of calling, the CLO left a letter with an invitation to contact us. The newsletter showed a map of the proposed project area, site location, contact number, project email and postal address. It also provided the opportunity for the project’s Community Liaison Officer to introduce himself and the project to the near neighbours.</p> <p>The Newsletter was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them informed. The project team replied to queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and the wider community. The engagement included evening and weekend calls to premises where nobody was at home during the day, in an effort to reach out to all.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of Newsletter 1)</i></p>
<p>Newsletter 2 with accompanying letter: March 2021.</p>	<p>An Irish and English version of Newsletter 2 was posted due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions to the near neighbours adjacent to the project. The newsletter contained project updates, charted progress and addressed some of the concerns raised when consulting with homeowners during the delivery of the Introductory Newsletter 1.</p> <p>The project contact number, email and postal address, along with contact details for the newly launched project website were included in this newsletter. From this time onward, all project updates and newsletters were uploaded to the dedicated project website.</p> <p>Newsletter 2 was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them informed and up to date. Queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and the wider community were replied to by the project team.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of Newsletter 2 and Letter)</i></p>

<p>Newsletter 3:</p> <p>September 2021.</p>	<p>Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, Newsletter 3 was distributed through letter-box drops. Meanwhile, consultations with near neighbours were restricted to outdoor one-to-one meetings with social distancing to keep everyone safe. The newsletter contained project updates, details of surveys and studies being carried out on site on topics such as Hydrology & Geology, Ornithology, Biodiversity and Noise. It also included the project's direct contact number, email address, postal address and website details.</p> <p>Newsletter 3 was uploaded to the project website and was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them informed and up to date. Queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and wider community were replied to by the project team.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of Newsletter 3)</i></p>
<p>Project update Letter:</p> <p>November 2021.</p>	<p>In November 2021, Brendan distributed a Project Update Letter informing stakeholders that over the coming weeks, weather permitting, a 100-metre met mast for measuring wind speeds would be installed at Inchamore. The project update letter was uploaded to the project website. Queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and wider community were replied to by the project team.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of the project update letter)</i></p>
<p>Company update Letter:</p> <p>December 2021.</p>	<p>An Irish & English introductory letter to FuturEnergy Ireland from our CEO was distributed to the near neighbours adjacent to the project. The letter was also uploaded to the project website. Queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and wider community were replied to by the project team.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of the letter)</i></p>
<p>Project update Letter:</p> <p>March/April 2022.</p>	<p>An Irish & English version of a Project Update Letter was distributed to the near neighbours adjacent to the project providing project updates, next steps, expected timelines, a contact number, project email, postal address, website details and an invitation to contact us.</p> <p>The letter was uploaded to the project website and was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them informed and up to date. The project team replied to queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and the wider community.</p>

	<p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of the project update letter)</i></p>
<p>Local Sponsored Educational Programme:</p> <p>May 2022.</p>	<p>FuturEnergy Ireland sponsored and arranged an Educational Programme about “Climate Change” for Six local national schools around the wider project area, which was well received. The schools involved were Cúil Aodh, Baile Mhuirne, Beal Áthan Ghaorthaidg, Cill na Martra, Inchigeelagh and Réidh na Ndoiri.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a copy of related material)</i></p>
<p>Project update Letter:</p> <p>November 2022.</p>	<p>An Irish & English version of a Project Update Letter was distributed to the near neighbours adjacent to the project providing project updates, next steps, expected timelines, a contact number, project email, postal address, website details and an invitation to contact us.</p> <p>The letter was uploaded to the project website and was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them updated. The project team replied to queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and the wider community.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of the project update letter)</i></p>
<p>Media Press Release:</p> <p>Week of 27th March 2023.</p>	<p>To keep the local and wider communities informed, a Media Release was sent to local and regional newspaper/radio journalists, which provided information on the project and where interested parties could access all project information issued to date. This included the recently launched project brochure and the Virtual Tour.</p> <p><i>*(please see Table 3 - Media Report for details)</i></p>
<p>Detailed Brochure with accompanying Letter.</p> <p>Virtual Tour Exhibition:</p> <p>Week 27th March 2023 onwards.</p>	<p>A detailed 36-page Project Brochure and accompanying letter in Irish & English that invited the reader to the new Virtual Tour exhibition on the project website were distributed to the local and wider community of project area. This provided another opportunity to hold conversations and listen to feedback and answer questions that arose.</p> <p>The detailed Project Brochure was uploaded to the project website. It was also either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them informed and up to date. Queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and wider community were replied to by the project team.</p>

	<p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to a copy of the detailed project brochure and accompanying letter)</i></p>
Note	<p><i>*As part of our engagement commitment, included in the letter that accompanied the project brochure, we asked anyone requiring any assistance navigating the Virtual Tour, to please contact us. For those who did not have internet access, we requested that they please get in touch, and we will provide answers to any questions, and hard copies of information that features on the Virtual Tour as required. Our contact details were included in all communications.</i></p>
<p>Virtual Tour Exhibition:</p> <p>Week 27th March 2023</p>	<p>The Virtual Tour Exhibition, which is accessible via the project website, was launched. It provides a project overview, timeframes, team biographies, site maps, and details of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, Ecology, Noise, and Landscape and Visuals, a full set of photomontages, Community Benefit Fund information and an e-copy of the 36 - page detailed project brochure.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a link to the Virtual Tour Exhibition)</i></p>
<p>Invitation Letter to two-day on-site community engagement clinic:</p> <p>Week 3rd April 2023 onwards</p>	<p>After the distribution of the detailed project brochure and accompanying letter to the local and wider community, the Community Liaison Officer called back to the project's nearest neighbours to answer any questions that may have arisen</p> <p>If there was no one home he left a invite letter (<i>in Irish and English</i>) to the on-site community engagement clinic with a request to call him back to arrange a suitable appointment time if they so chose to do so.</p> <p>The invitation letter was uploaded to the dedicated project website and was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives.</p> <p>This included evening and weekend calls to premises where nobody was at home during the day, in an effort to reach out to all.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a copy)</i></p>
Note:	<p>All our communications materials, which were distributed to the local and wider community during the week commencing 27th of March 2023, included full contact details and a letter inviting interested parties to contact us with any queries or requests for information.</p> <p>Since the initial launch of the project in September 2020, we have been continuously logging feedback, concerns,</p>

	<p>requests for information and project updates, and replying to all queries as the information became available.</p> <p>Due to the detailed nature of the information provided in the project's last round of engagement, further valuable feedback was provided, concerns were acknowledged, and where we were able to provide immediate replies to questions, we did so. Some requests for information were logged so that when the information becomes available it will be provided. We invited and encouraged interested parties to contact us, or attend the upcoming project local community engagement clinic to meet the team and discuss any queries or questions that they may have had.</p>
<p>Clinic Posters displayed locally:</p> <p>Week 10th April 2023.</p>	<p>To keep the local and wider community informed, posters were placed in local shops, the post office, the local Co-Op store, the filling station and in the local pub and posted on the local community Facebook page that provided dates, times and locations for the on-site community clinic.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a copy)</i></p>
<p>Adversisments: 2 day on-site local Community Engagement Clinic</p> <p>Week 10th April 2023.</p>	<p>To keep the wider and local communities informed, advertisements were placed in local and regional newspapers providing dates, times, contact details and locations for the on-site community engagement clinic.</p> <p><i>*(please see Table 3 - Media Report for details)</i></p>
<p>2 day on-site local Community Engagement Clinic:</p> <p>20th/21th April 2023.</p>	<p>A 2 day Local Community Engagement Clinic was held in Arus Éamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodh,, Co Chorcaí. P12 HY57 which is located within the local community adjacent to the proposed project area. 30 attendees over the two days met the project team and asked questions that were pertinent to them. Requests for further information were followed up and provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 live within 1km of the project site, • 6 live in the 1 to 2km of the project site, • 4 live within the 2 to 3km of the project site, • 5 live 3 to 4km mainly south of the proposed site, • 5 were representatives of community organisations, • 1 is a landowner, • 2 live 4 to 5km south of the Inchamore site and are 1 to 2 km from the proposed Gortyrhilly wind farm project. • The remaining were from the wider community. • 30 + primary school students from Scoil Chuil Aodha Barr D Inse attended and participated in an informal presentation and Q&A.
<p>Notice to submit Letter:</p>	<p>The Community Liaison Officer will distribute an Irish and English version of a letter to the project's nearest</p>

<p>Our intention during May 2023</p>	<p>neighbours informing them of a Notice to Submit the project into planning.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a copy)</i></p>
<p>Advertorials:</p> <p>Our intention during May 2023</p>	<p>Advertorials are placed in The Corkman and The Kerryman newspaper, with a notice to submit the project into planning.</p> <p><i>*(please see Table 3 - Media Report for details)</i></p>
<p>Site Notices:</p> <p>Our intention during May 2023</p>	<p>Site Notices in Irish and English are placed around the proposed project site.</p> <p><i>*(please see appendix for a copy)</i></p>
<p>Our intention during May 2023</p>	<p>The planning application is submitted to Cork County Council and Kerry County Council and when subsequently validated, the project's planning application will be simultaneously uploaded to the project website www.inchamorewindfarm.ie for the public to review.</p>

6.1 Statistics for Virtual Tour Exhibition visits, On-Site Clinic attendance

Summary	Numbers
Virtual Tour Hits: <i>March 27th, 2023 - April 30th, 2023</i>	83
2 day On-Site clinic attendees numbers:	30
Sponsored National School Education Program:	6 Schools participated

6.2 Media Report

Date	Paper On-line Radio	Activities	Details
Our intention during May 2023	Print Media	Adverts will be placed in The Kerryman and The Corkman newspapers.	Notice to submit into planning.
Week 10th April 2023	Social Media	Community Liaison Officer arranged for a poster to be provided to a Community Facebook page.	To keep the local and wider community informed, a poster was provided to a local community Facebook page which was subsequently uploaded. The poster provided dates, times, and locations for the on-site community engagement clinic.
Week 10th April 2023	Posters in local shops	Community Liaison Officer arranged for posters to be displayed.	To keep the local and wider community informed, posters were placed in local shops, the Post office, the local Co-Op store, the filling station and in the local pub that provided dates, times, and locations for the on-site community engagement clinic.
Week 10 th April 2023	Print Media	FEI Media Advertorial placed in the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corkman, • Southern Star • The Kerryman 	Invitation to attend the projects 2-day on-site community engagement clinic. <i>*(see appendix below for copy)</i>

Date	Paper On-line Radio	Activities	Details
6 th April 2023	Radio	Raidio na Gaeltachta	Direct call to CLO who provided information requested and email reply by Comms Manager. 7 th April Radio na Gaeltachta news today featured Inchamore a few times.
29 th March 2023	Radio	C103 Radio	<i>Report on Inchamore Wind Farm's public consultation program with information from the press release.</i>
Week 28 th March 2023	Print Media	FEI media release sent to reporters in <u>Regional papers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Examiner. • The Corkman/Kerryman • Southern Star. <u>Radio:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raidio na Gaeltachta • 96FM 	To inform the local and wider community of the newly launched detailed project brochure, the Virtual Tour, how and where to access information and to give our contact details.
March 23 rd 2023	Radio	Raidio na Gaeltachta	6.30pm news
March 22 nd 2023	Radio	Raidio na Gaeltachta	12 noon, 1pm, 5pm news
20 th March 2023	Radio	Raidio na Gaeltachta	Direct call to CLO who provided information requested and email reply by Comms Manager.
4 th March 2023	Print Media	The Echo Newspaper	<i>Céim dheiridh an chomhairliúcháin phoiblí ar fheirm ghaoithe beartaithe do Mhúscaí</i> <i>The final stage of the public consultation on a wind farm proposed for Múscaí.</i>

7 Dwellings within 2km of initial proposed 6 turbine layout

Distance from Turbines	No of Dwellings
750m – 1Km	17
1 – 2Km	28
Total	45

** The above figures are for occupied dwellings and dwellings that are liveable but may be unoccupied and excludes derelict houses, farm buildings and sheds.*

8 Dwellings within 2km of proposed final 5 turbine layout

Distance from Turbines	No of Dwellings
750m – 1Km	8
1 – 2Km	26
Total	34

** The above figures are for occupied dwellings and dwellings that are liveable but may be unoccupied and excludes derelict houses, farm buildings and sheds.*

9 Key concerns raised during the course of engagement:

Topics	Issues raised
Traffic/Transport/Construction Management	<p>Traffic disruption during construction to and from the site and along the grid route and how that is managed and how issues would be resolved. Previous experiences have been very negative and disruptive to the local community.</p> <p>Safety and potential damage arising from the use of local roads during construction by large trucks on narrow roads.</p> <p>How will this be managed and who is liable for any potential property and road damage during construction and for works carried out along the grid route?</p> <p>What guarantees are there that damage to property or roads will be reinstated to their previous condition?</p> <p>Will there be a liaison officer or individual point of contact during the construction phase?</p>
Community Benefit Fund	<p>Transparency around access to and involvement in directing funding within the local community was expressed based on previous and existing experiences.</p> <p>The appointment process of an Administrator and the potential for having a suitably qualified local Administrator being appointed.</p>
Noise	<p>Concerns that the proposed project will be as noisy as adjacent wind farms, some built 20 + years ago.</p> <p>Is the project going to generate more noise and how will the project be cumulatively assessed in terms of noise?</p> <p>How will the Developers ensure that the wind farm will not breach noise limits/ impact upon residential amenity?</p>

Topics	Issues raised
Visual impact	<p>Will I be able to see what the proposed wind farm will look like from my property in advance of planning being submitted?</p> <p>Negative impact on residential amenity - direct views from residents' homes (windows) to turbines.</p> <p>There are enough wind farms in the locality already and concerns on the number of wind farms that are being proposed for development in the locality.</p> <p>Why is the area being considered in the first place?</p> <p>Concerns over visual impact of red aviation lights at night.</p>
Landslide	Is there a potential for a landslide?
Future employment and skills development	Potential employment opportunities for local people long term.
Shadow flicker	How can the Developers ensure that shadow flicker won't occur from the project?
Water disruption and contamination	<p>We have wells in the area, could the construction disrupt the water quality and supply from the sources?</p> <p>What happens if there is contamination or disruption to the water supply?</p>

As outlined in the detailed summary of community engagement between 2020/2023 above, the engagement process undertaken has given the project team a detailed appreciation of the issues and concerns of the near neighbours.

This close working relationship has facilitated the evolution of the project design to understand and alleviate the concerns expressed as far as possible.

These themes were discussed throughout the engagement process and were answered in a transparent and open manner. Ultimately not all themes could be or were addressed to the satisfaction of all, but the project team remains open in trying to find fair and equitable solutions for everyone, including sharing information sources at our disposal. All of the above themes are also addressed clearly in the EIAR.

It is to be noted that our Community Liaison Officer Brendan Twomey was treated with respect in the vast majority of cases. While some neighbouring households were not pleased with what they were hearing, we were thanked at times for bringing the information to them. The long timeframe for this engagement has allowed people to digest the information provided, consult, discuss among themselves, and reach out to the project team on any items that they felt needed further clarification.

10 Influence of engagement - evolution of the wind farm design

As outlined above in the list of key concerns raised during the course of engagement.

The main concerns of local residents include Traffic/Transport/Construction Management, Safety, communication and resolving issues flagged, potential damage to property and roads, management of the associated Community Benefit Fund, noise, visual impact, shadow flicker, any landslide potential, water disruption and contamination.

The engagement process undertaken on the proposed project has given the project team a detailed appreciation of the issues and concerns of the near neighbours. This close working relationship has facilitated the evolution of the project design to understand and alleviate the concerns expressed as far as possible.

The main concerns expressed together with their impact on the design evolution are set out below.

10.1 Impacts associated with traffic/transport/construction management.

Concerns were raised directly with the Community Liaison Officer and with the Team at the on-site local community engagement clinic about the potential disruption of traffic and construction and the potential of damaging existing roads, properties adjacent to roads and follow-up repairs not taking place. This was informed by negative experiences with another wind farm development.

Undertakings have been provided to stakeholders with concerns about cabling works. In advance of any potential cabling works along their road, we will undertake a record of condition survey of the road, a copy of which will be provided to them. After the works are completed, we will again survey this section of road in consultation with and any possible damage caused as a direct result of the works will be made good and repairs completed. It was mentioned that prior to any cabling works taking place, we will draft a traffic management plan for approval by Cork County Council and, as part of that process we will consult with the community/local road users, well in advance.

Six months prior to the commencement of construction, we will initiate the set-up of a liaison group and a dedicated community liaison contact. The project will meet with this group monthly or as required to prepare for the construction phase and monitor activities during construction. This group will develop plans on communicating effectively with residents directly impacted by construction activities and deliveries, especially traffic planning to minimise disruption.

The noise assessment considered all construction-related noise associated with machinery and traffic and all site activities and found that the proposed layout complies with all relevant regulations.

Further details can be found in the noise and vibration and traffic and transport assessments chapters in the EIAR respectively.

10.2 Community benefit fund.

There were concerns expressed based on existing experience with a particular community benefit fund around the potential lack of communication, transparency around access to the fund and involvement in directing funding within the local community.

There were informative discussions around the Government's 'Good Practice Principles for Community Benefit Funds', which provides full details on how the fund is to be governed and requires local community participation in all decisions regarding how the funding should be used.

Also discussed were timelines and next steps. Should the project receive a positive planning outcome, the project team and the local community will work together to develop an appropriate local structure that would design the Inse Mhór Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. This group will make decisions on funding allocations and, with the assistance of an administrator, manage the fund, ensuring transparency and good governance.

The first is a participatory design process for the Inse Mhór Community Benefit Fund (CBF) that will take place 6 – 8 months prior to any construction work starting.

The team will start a process of reaching out initially to residents within the 2km zone and then slightly further afield, in order to bring together a small group of people who are interested in working on the design and structure of a community-based entity that would ultimately run this Community Benefit Fund. This process will start with a scoping exercise followed by a series of facilitated workshops. It is hoped that representatives involved in existing local development initiatives will be stakeholders in this process and will therefore contribute to this strategy.

Another query arose concerning the appointment process of an Administrator and the potential for having a locally based and suitably qualified Administrator appointed. A question was asked about the criteria and skills required for an Administrator. It was discussed that this process begins around 6 – 9 months prior to any construction. A suggested list of skills and qualifications and experience are being forwarded as requested.

The second piece of work is to explore the potential for community investment in the project as outlined in the new Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS). This will most likely follow on from the CBF workstream and will look at the best ways to promote awareness about this opportunity in advance of it coming online.

10.3 Future employment and skills.

There was a question around what type of skills, education, qualifications and careers would be required and how the project might develop long-term employment for local stakeholders and their families, thereby rejuvenating this rural community and keeping families in the area.

A suggested list of skills, education, qualifications, and careers in the renewable sector is being forwarded with a suggestion that a presentation on the above to nearby secondary school TY students would be beneficial and informative.

10.4 Potential for a landslide.

A question around the potential for a landslide in the project area was discussed between the stakeholders and the project team at the on-site community engagement clinic.

The layout has been developed taking into consideration peat depths and strengths across the site, the turbine layout and associated ancillary infrastructure has been placed in the optimal locations to avoid the risk of landslide being caused by the development. A specialist consultancy RSK Ireland was employed by the project to provide environmental services in the form of hydrological, hydrogeological advice and undertook a peat stability risk assessment.

Further details on this can be found in Chapter 8 Soils and Geology assessment chapter of the EIAR.

10.5 Impacts associated with noise and visual impact.

Noise and visual impacts were addressed as part of the layout design process. A decision was made early in the design process to ensure that a minimum distance of 4 x tip height would be maintained between nearest dwellings and turbines. This is more than the current recommended setback of 500m as set out in the Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006. The setback of 4 times tip height also complies with the Draft Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2019, which are not, as of the time of writing this report, official policy and may change in the final form.

Various configurations and layouts were considered as part of the initial design process based on a detailed visual impact assessment undertaken as part of the environmental impact assessment.

When a final design turbine layout was confirmed, a set of photomontages was prepared and made available to the public.

First, a photomontage selection was available within the detailed 36-page project brochure that was distributed to the wider community around the proposed site.

Second, through the Virtual Tour at www.inchamorewindfarm.ie, the public could access the interactive photomontage viewer, which presents 25 viewpoints around the project area so they could judge the visual impact of the project from these selected locations.

Link to the Virtual Exhibition and photomontages:

[Inse Mhór Wind Farm - Virtual Public Exhibition | Innovision](#)

Third, a hard copy of the photomontages presenting the 25 viewpoints around the project area from the Virtual Tour were available for viewing at the on-site community engagement clinic for attendees to view and discuss with the project team.

The photomontages are not intended to show the view from every dwelling but to be representative of local, regional and sensitive views in a wide area around the project.

There were requests from a few stakeholders for views from their houses. This is being arranged and once available will be forwarded on as requested.

The number of flashing red lights was highlighted as a concern. It was confirmed that the project must adhere to EASA (EU Aviation Safety Agency rules/Regulations) regarding lighting required along the perimeter of a wind farm project and spacing subject to a safety assessment. Ultimately the EASA is the governing body regarding this matter.

The layout was subject to a detailed noise impact assessment. It was determined that the proposed layout would meet the noise requirements set out in the Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 and relevant current guidance and best practice. The noise assessment also involved working with community members to compile background noise levels where noise monitors were placed at local residences surrounding the study area.

At the on-site community engagement clinic, accumulative noise assessment was explained along with the difference between 20-year-old wind turbines, 2006 guidelines and present-day technology, post commissioning noise monitoring, adherence to the planning application and mitigation measures that can be used. These discussions seemed very informative and helpful to attending stakeholders.

A review of the literature relating to health effects associated with wind turbine noise finds no evidence of any significant health effects associated with low frequency noise or infrasound. There is no evidence to support increased likelihood of significant health issues associated with noise-sensitive medical conditions. Amplitude modulation is a rare occurring event that is not possible to predict and can be managed through adjustment of turbine operations where it does occur.

Further details on this can be found in the Noise and Vibration Chapter, Population, Human Health, and Material Assets Chapter and Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Chapter of the EIAR.

10.6 Impacts associated with potential shadow flicker.

Concerns were raised directly with the project's Community Liaison Officer and with the Team at the on-site local community engagement clinic from a few households about the potential impact of shadow flicker from the turbines. Shadow flicker was considered as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. The proposed layout conforms with the Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 of a maximum 30 minutes of shadow flicker per day or 30 hours per annum at any sensitive receptor through the management of the turbine operations during periods when there is a potential for shadow flicker to occur.

Any queries around shadow flicker were explained in detail at the on-site community engagement clinic, which seemed to allay concerns.

Further to this, in accordance with emerging best practice and the draft Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2019, the project is committed to the elimination of shadow flicker through the daily management of turbine operations.

Further details on this can be found in the Shadow Flicker Chapter of the EIAR.

10.7 Impact on water supply and quality

Concerns were raised about the potential for impacts on the water table associated with drawdown of water from dewatering of site excavations and on pollution of the water supply from site activities. Many properties have local wells.

After conversations with local stakeholders, the project team has agreed and committed to appoint an independent hydrologist to the project, the CV of whom will be shared. The project hydrologist will be asked to take samples on or near the designated property adjacent to the project in consultation with stakeholders prior to construction to determine a baseline sample, another during the construction period and another sample after up to two years of wind farm operations. Water samples will be sent to an independent lab. The lab name and location will be consulted upon, and we are happy to share results.

Further details on this can be found in the Hydrology and Hydrogeology assessment Chapter of the EIAR.

11 Summary of community engagement in the wider area

All project communications materials and updates that were distributed were uploaded as they became available to www.inchamorewindfarm.ie to include Newsletter 1, Newsletter 2, Newsletter 3, all project update letters, a detailed 36-page project brochure and access to the projects Virtual Tour Exhibition.

All our contact details are available on the project website and contained in all our distributed communications materials.

The above project information was either emailed/delivered/posted to interest groups and local elected representatives to keep them informed and up-to-date throughout the project.

Week 27th March 2023: The detailed 36-page Project Brochure and accompanying letter in Irish and English with an invitation to the Virtual Tour exhibition on the project website was distributed to more than 300 houses to include nearest neighbours adjacent to the project and out to 4 - 5km of the project area to include local public representatives and community groups. This provided an opportunity to hold conversations, listen to feedback and answer questions that arose.

Week 27th March 2023: To keep the local and wider communities informed, a Media Release was sent to local and regional newspapers and radio station journalists, which provided information on the project and where interested parties could access all project information issued to date. This included the recently launched detailed project brochure and the Virtual Tour.

April 2023: Posters were placed in local shops, Post office, local Co-Op store, filling station and in the local pub advertising the project's up and coming 2-day local on-site community engagement clinic.

- Ó Luasa Shop & Post Office Ballymakeera.
- Darygold Co-Op superstore, Ballymakeera,
- Ó Scanaill's Bar Ballymakeera,
- Luceys Service station Ballymakeera,
- Arus Éamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodh

April 2023: A poster that provided dates, times, and locations for the on-site community engagement clinic was provided and uploaded to Chomharcumann Forbartha Mhuscarai Teo Facebook page.

April 2023: To keep the wider and local communities informed, advertisements were placed in local and regional newspapers providing dates, times, contact details and locations for the community engagement clinic.

April 2023: The week leading up to the community engagement clinic, an invitation letter that provided dates, times, contact details and location of the local 2-day community clinic was delivered to homeowners around the project area and to local elected representatives.

April 20th/21st: A community engagement clinic was held in Arus Éamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodh,, Co Chorcaí. P12 HY57, which is located within the local community adjacent to the proposed project area.

- 4 live within 1km of the project site.
- 6 live in the 1 to 2Km of the project site.
- **4 live within the 2 to 3km of the project site.**
- **5 live 3 to 4km mainly south of the proposed site.**
- **5 were representatives of community organisations.**
- 1 is a landowner.
- **2 live 4 to 5km south of the Inchamore site** and are 1 to 2 km from the proposed Gortyrähilly wind farm project.
- **The remaining attendees were from the wider community.**
- 30 + primary school students from Scoil Chuil Aodha Barr D Inse attended and participated in an informal presentation and Q& A afterwards.

The project team listened to feedback and replied to queries and questions that arose from near neighbours and the wider community and will continue to do so into the future.

12 Infographic summary of engagement with the wider community 2020/2023

Wider Community Engagement:

July/Aug 2020 to 2023

Local elected representatives and interest groups were kept up to date.

March 2023:

The 36-page Project Brochure & letter, including an invite to the project's Virtual Tour Exhibition, was distributed to the wider community.

April Week 10th/17th 2023:

Invite letter to the 2-day Local Community Engagement clinic was distributed to homeowners around the project area and to the local

Keeping the wider Community Informed through the Media:

Week 27th March 2023: Media releases to launch the Project Brochure and Virtual Tour Exhibition and inform the wider community were sent to:

Regional newspapers:

Irish Examiner, The Corkman, Southern Star.

Radio Stations:

Radio Na Gaeltacht, 96FM,

Week 10th April 2023: Posters were placed locally in shops advertising the times and location of the up-and-coming project on-site local community engagement clinic.

A copy of the poster was uploaded to a community Facebook page.

Week 10th April 2023: Advertisements were placed in local newspapers to inform the wider community with the times and location of the up-and-coming project on-site local community engagement Clinic:

Regional newspapers:

The Corkman, Southern Star, The Kerryman.

May 2023: Advertisements of a "Notice to Submit into planning" are placed in:

Regional newspapers:

The Kerryman and The Corkman

Please see media report for more details:

Local Interest Groups contacted and kept up to date.

Colaiste Gobnaitan	Post primary School Ballyvourney
Abán Naofa	Primary school Ballyvourney
Scoil Cúil Aodh Barr I'Nse	Primary school Coolea.
Comhaltas Cosanta Chúil Aodh	Development Commitee Coolea
Comharchumann Forbatha Mhuscraí	Muskery Development Regional Development
Bol Cumman Cúil Aodh/Baile Múirne	Road Bowling
Coiste Bailte Slachtmhara.	Tidy Towns Ballyvourney
Comhlacht Tithe Sóisealta & Forbait an tSúláin Teo.	Community Housing Ballyvourney / Coolea
Aisling Geal	Sean-Nós Singing training
Éigse Diarmuid Ó Shúilleabhain.	Shean-Nós singing event
Ionadh Áise	Community Centre
Colaiste Gobnaitan	Post primary School Ballyvourney
Leach Fhinín	Journalist
Coiste Bailte Slachtmhara Cúil Aodh.	Tidy Towns Coolea
Buíon Phóibairí	Pipe Band
Cork Limousine Club	Youth Branch Cattle Breeders
Taispeantas Baile Mhuirne / Cúil Aodha	Ballyvourney / Coolea Agricultural Show
Slí Gaeltachta Mhuscaraí	Beara Breifney Way trail
Peiladóir an tSuláin	Sullane FC
Naomh Abhan Gaa.	Ballyvourney/ Coole Gaa footbal club
Leach Fhinín	Journalist
Coiste Bailte Slachtmhara Cúil Aodh.	Tidy Towns Coolea
Buíon Phóibairí	Pipe Band
Cork Limousine Club	Youth Branch Cattle Breeders

13 Potential enduring benefits of this project

Inse Mhór Wind Farm has the potential to bring significant positive benefit to the local community. The project will create sustainable local employment, it will contribute annual rates to the local authority, provide a local community benefit fund in line with the new Renewable Energy Support Scheme. A Community Benefit Fund will be put in place for the RESS period to provide direct funding to those areas surrounding the project.

13.1 Community Benefit Fund

There are two important government policy developments that will have a bearing on the establishment of future community benefit funds. The first is the Renewable Energy Support Scheme, and its terms and conditions which have been published by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. The second is the updated Wind Energy Guidelines, which have yet to be released. Both sets of policies specify government requirements on future community benefit funds for renewable energy projects. The project partners confirm that these important policies will be fully adopted and integrated in our design and establishment of the An Inse Mhór Community Benefit Fund.

Based on RESS, for each megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity produced by the wind farm, the project will contribute €2 into a community fund for the RESS period i.e., 15 years of operation. If this project is constructed as currently designed, we estimate that a total of 7.5 million euro will be available in the local area for community funding over the RESS period of 15 years. The above figure is indicative only and will be dependent on the generation capacity of the wind farm which is influenced by a number of factors including:

1. Number of wind turbines.
2. Capacity and availability of energy production of those turbines.
3. Quantity of wind.

The Inse Mhór Wind Farm, if constructed as proposed, has the potential to produce between 85,000 and 100,000 MWh of clean electricity a year. This means that the project could provide between €170,000 to €200,000 per annum to the Community Benefit Fund, depending on the size of the permitted scheme and the wind resource which varies from year to year, for the first 15 years of its operational life.

RESS guidelines for the annual distribution of this fund are as follows:

- A minimum of €1,000 shall be paid to each household located within a distance of a 1 kilometre radius from the nearest turbine.
- A minimum of 40% of the funds shall be paid to not-for-profit community enterprises whose primary focus or aim is the promotion of initiatives towards the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goals 4, 7, 11 and 13, including education, energy efficiency, sustainable energy, and climate action initiatives.
- A maximum of 10% on administration.
- The balance of the funds shall be spent on initiatives successful in the annual application process, as proposed by clubs and societies and similar not-for profit entities, and in respect of Onshore Wind RESS 1 Projects, on "near neighbour payments" for households located outside a 1 kilometre, but within a distance of 2 kilometres from such RESS 1 Project.

How the fund works

The Government's 'Good Practice Principles for Community Benefit Funds' provides full details on how the fund is to be governed and requires local community participation in all decisions regarding how the funding should be used. The fund is open to individuals, and not-for-profit groups such as community and voluntary groups, charities, social enterprises and clubs and societies. High quality administration, local where possible, is also a key expectation. Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/pub1ication/5f12f-community-projects-and-benefit-funds-ress/>

It is envisaged that, should the project receive a positive planning outcome, the project team and the local community will work together to develop an appropriate local structure that would design the Inse Mhór Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. This group will make decisions on funding allocations and, with the assistance of an administrator, manage the fund, ensuring transparency and good governance.

13.2 Community Investment Opportunity

What is meant by community investment?

The proposed Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS) sets out that future renewable energy project proposals enable the possibility for local communities to invest in projects in a meaningful way as a means to directly gain from the financial dividends that a project can provide should it be consented, built, and operated.

In response to this, FuturEnergy Ireland has been working hard with external agencies to develop workable models of community investment. At the time of writing, the details of a Community Investment Scheme continue to be worked through by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. We look forward to its publication in due course and promoting this innovative offering to the community.

13.3 Employment Opportunities

According to The Economic Impact of Onshore Wind in Ireland study by KPMG in 2021, 5,130 people nationally are directly supported by onshore wind. To meet the Government's onshore wind target of 8,200 MW by 2030, the industry will need to grow its workforce.

By 2030, total direct and indirect employment is projected at approximately 7,000, an increase of 35%. The proposed development will make a material contribution to employment growth within this sector and provide demand for a wide range of products and services in the local area.

The proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm brings employment opportunities. At peak construction, up to 25 people would be directly employed. During construction, additional employment will be created in the region through the supply of services and materials to the development. In addition to this, there will also be income generated by local employment from the purchase of local services i.e., travel and lodgings. One long-term, technical employee is also required to run the wind farm. Demand for a wide range of products and services will create indirect employment.

13.4 Local County Council Rates

Annual rates paid to Cork County Council are in the range of €280,000 to €330,000 annually for the lifetime of the project, which is 35 years. An important future contributor to Cork County Council's exchequer funding. This could positively impact local infrastructure and amenities such as roads, public lighting, street cleaning, libraries, fire services and public amenities. on-site recreational amenities and employment.

13.5 Recreation

The developers are committed to working with and building relationships with the local community to discuss a recreational offering if it is of interest to them. If the project progresses to development, we are committed to explore possibilities that would benefit all concerned.

14 Ongoing liaison and contact

A number of phases have been detailed below with differing levels of engagement anticipated depending on the level of project activity. Underpinning all the engagement below will be a dedicated Community Liaison Officer for the project who is contactable by email and mobile phone. These details will remain on the project website, which will be in place for the duration of the project. As the project progresses, regular updates will be posted to this website.

Post planning submission until 6 months pre-construction

During this period of approximately 24 – 36 months, if the proposed project receives a favourable planning decision and has progressed successfully through the next stages of project development, a number of key community-related activities will continue to be progressed. The first is a participatory design process for the Inse Mhór Community Benefit Fund (CBF) that will take place 6 – 8 months prior to any construction work starting.

The team will start a process of reaching out initially to residents within the 2km zone and then slightly further afield, in order to bring together a small group of people who are interested in working on the design and structure of a community-based entity that would ultimately run this Community Benefit Fund. This process will start with a scoping exercise followed by a series of facilitated workshops. It is hoped that representatives involved in existing local development initiatives will be stakeholders in this process and will therefore contribute to this strategy.

The second piece of work is to explore the potential for community investment in the project as outlined in the new Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS). This will probably follow on from the CBF workstream and will look at the best ways to promote awareness about this opportunity in advance of it coming online.

Pre- Construction and Construction phase

Six months prior to the commencement of construction we will initiate the set-up of a liaison group. The project will meet with this group on a monthly basis to prepare for the construction phase and monitor activities during construction. This group will develop plans on communicating effectively with residents directly impacted by construction activities and deliveries, especially traffic planning to minimise disruption.

The project will also engage with local suppliers prior to the construction phase in order to outline the future needs and promote the use of local suppliers and service providers wherever possible. This may take the form of a “meet the buyer” event.

Operational Phase

The project will continue with a proposed annual meeting with the liaison group to update them on project performance and address any issues identified. The Community Liaison Officer will also be available throughout this period to directly address any issues raised by local residents. The project website will also be maintained as a method of providing regular, up-to-date information. There will be regular updates on performance of the Community Benefit Fund and regular calls for proposals for funding.

Decommissioning Phase

A year prior to the commencement of decommissioning of the project, the project team will engage with the established liaison group as well as all residents within the 2km zone to outline the decommissioning plan and address any issues identified at that time.

In line with the Government's Code of Practice 2016, the project will publish an annual report of all engagement activities on the project website.

15 Conclusion / Commitment

As outlined throughout this Community Report, there has been very active engagement on the project throughout the planning and design phase to date. Many of our neighbours are supportive of the project, while others wish that the project doesn't proceed. We have achieved much in terms of making the proposed development a better project for all through our engagement.

We fully recognise, however, that development of a proposed wind farm is a long and complex process and that there is ample time to jointly develop our community offerings with our near neighbours and other stakeholders. We will be progressing these throughout the planning adjudication and decision phases as well as in the pre-construction phase should the project receive planning consent.

16 Project literature: newsletters - letters – brochures - other information

All Project newsletters, letters, brochures, online seminar information, other information are accessible from the project website <http://www.inchamowindfarm.ie>

<p>Date: September 2020 - Newsletter 1 (Project Introduction) in Irish and English. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-A5-Leaflet1_Gaeilge.pdf Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-A5-Leaflet1_English.pdf</p>
<p>Date: March 2021 - Newsletter 2 in Irish and English. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-A5-Leaflet_Irish_March2021.pdf Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-A5-Leaflet_English_March2021.pdf</p>
<p>Date: March 2021 – Project update Letter sent with Newsletter 2 in Irish and English. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Inchamore-Update-letter-with-Newsletter-2-03032021_Gaeilge.pdf Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Inchamore-Update-letter-with-Newsletter-2-03032021_English.pdf</p>
<p>Date: September 2021 - Newsletter 3 in Irish and English. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-Irish-Leaflet-3.pdf Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-English-Leaflet-3.pdf</p>
<p>Date: November 2021 – Project update Letter. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-project-update-Letter-November-2021-English-version.pdf</p>
<p>Date: November/December 2021 - Introduction Letter to FuturEnergy Ireland in Irish and English. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Introduction-to-FuturEnergy-Ireland-Letter-Irish-version.pdf Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Introduction-to-FuturEnergy-Ireland-Letter-English-version.pdf</p>
<p>Date: March 2022 - Project update Letter in Irish and English. Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-Project-update-Letter-Irish-version.pdf Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Inchamore-Project-update-Letter-English-version.pdf</p>
<p>Date: April/May 2022 - FuturEnergy Ireland sponsored and arranged an Educational Program around “Climate Change” for 5 local National schools around the project area. <i>*(Image located below)</i></p>
<p>Date: November 2022 - Project update Letter in Irish and English. Link: Inchamore-Project-update-letter-Gaeilge-version-November-2022.pdf (inchamowindfarm.ie) Link: https://inchamowindfarm.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Inchamore-Project-update-letter-English-version-November-2022.pdf</p>
<p>Date: November 2022 – Specific Project update Letter in Irish and English sent to local elected representatives. <i>*(Copies located below).</i></p>
<p>Date: March 2023 - Detailed Project Brochure with an Introduction in Irish and the main body in English. Link: 230328_FINAL_FEI-Inchamore-brochure-for-web.pdf (inchamowindfarm.ie)</p>
<p>Date: March 2023 - Accompanying letter with detailed Project Brochure in Irish and English. <i>*(Copy located below).</i></p>
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Date: May 2022 - FuturEnergy Ireland sponsored and arranged an Educational Programme around "Climate Change" for five national schools around the project area.



November 2022 - Specific Project update Letter in Irish and English sent to local elected representatives.



Date: March 2023 - Accompanying letter with detailed Project Brochure in Irish and English.



Márta 2023

A Úinéir Tí, a chara,

Thar aon ní eile, tá súil agam go bhfuil tú slán agus sábháilte. Ar eagla nach raibh tú ar an eolas faoi, ba mhaith liom a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil FuturEnergy Ireland (darbh ainm 'Fuinneamh In-Athnuaite Coillte' tráth), i bparthéireacht le SSE Renewables, go gníomhach ag fiosnú deise maidir le feirm ghaoithe a fhorbairt ar an Inse Mhór in iarthar phárlóiste Bhaile Bhuíme, Co. Chorcaí.

Tá an tionscadal beartaíthe maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire ag an gcéim anois ina bhfuil na sonraí timpeallachta ar fad bailithe agus saincagtha chun teacht ar leagan amach beartaíthe. Iníata leis an lír seo tá bróisiúr ina leagtar amach go mionsonraithe gach gné den bhforbairt atá beartaíthe maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire. Ina theannta is féidir féachaint ar Thuras Fíorúil ag www.inchamorewindfarm.ie, lena n-áirítear breis sonraí suirbhéireachta agus grianghrafanna den geantar.

Má tá aon chúnamh uait conas an Turas Fíorúil a úsáid, níl ort ach teagmhail a dhéanamh liom agus cabhróidh mé leat. Dóibh siúd nach bhfuil teacht acu ar an idirlíon, déanaigi teagmháil liom, le bhur dtuair, agus cuirfidh mé freagraí ar fáil ar aon cheisteanna a bheidh agat, chomh maith le crua chóipeanna de na sonraí atá sa Turas Fíorúil de réir mar a theastaíoch. Mar Oifigeach Idirchaidreamh Pobail, táim sásta cabhrú leat in aon sli gur féidir liom.

D'fhéadfadh ceisteanna a bheith agat tar éis duit an bróisiúr a léamh nó an Turas Fíorúil a thabhairt. Go luath i mí Feabhra beimid ag reachtáil clinic rannpháirtíochta ar an láthair sa cheantar áitiúil chun deis a thabhairt duit bualadh le foireann an tionscadail agus aon cheisteanna atá agat a chur. Idir an dá linn, má tá aon ghné in aonchor den tionscadal ar mian leat a phlé níos míne, tar i dteagmháil liom le do thoil ar 087 9712151 nó ar [Inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie](mailto:inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie).

Is mise le meas,


Breandán Ó Tuama
Oifigeach Idirchaidreamh Pobail

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March 2023

Dear Homeowner,

First and foremost, we hope this finds you safe and well. As you may be aware, FuturEnergy Ireland (formerly Coillte Renewable Energy), in partnership with SSE Renewables, is actively exploring a wind farm development opportunity close to An Inse Mhór west of Ballyvourney, Co. Cork.

The proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm project is at a stage where all the environmental assessment data has been gathered and collated to inform a proposed layout. The brochure enclosed sets out a detailed overview of all aspects of the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. It is accompanied by an online Virtual Tour to view at www.inchamorewindfarm.ie, which includes survey reports and photomontages of the area.

If you require any assistance navigating the Virtual Tour, please do not hesitate to contact me. For those who do not have internet access, please get in touch and I will provide answers to any of your questions, and hard copies of information that features on the Virtual Tour as required. As Community Liaison Officer, I am happy to help in any way I can.

Questions may arise after you have read the brochure enclosed and completed the Virtual Tour. In early February we will hold an on-site engagement clinic in the local area to give you the opportunity to meet the project team and ask any questions you may have. In the meantime, if there are any areas of the project you wish to discuss further, please contact me on 087 971 2151 or at [Inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie](mailto:inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie).

Yours sincerely,


Brendan Twomey
Community Liaison Officer

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Website: www.inchamorewindfarm.ie

Post: FAO Brendan Twomey, FuturEnergy Ireland, The Rhubicon Centre, Bishopstown, Cork City, Co.Cork, T12 Y275



Date: March 2023 – copy of accompanying letter and project summary letter that was sent with the detailed project brochure to local elected representatives.



March 2023

Dear [Cllr or Deputy, Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. Please find enclosed a community brochure on the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm project, a co-development between FuturEnergy Ireland and SSE Renewables.

This project brochure provides a detailed overview of all aspects of the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm development. It is accompanied by an online Virtual Tour, available to view at www.inchamorewindfarm.ie, which includes summaries of the environmental survey reports and photomontages of the area that show the location of proposed turbines. I have also included a key project summary overview that I hope will be helpful.

As the project's Community Liaison Officer (CLO), I am delivering the Inse Mhór Wind Farm brochure to residents who live close to the proposed site. In tandem, there will be a press release distributed to local newspapers and radio stations to update them on the project.

I will call directly to houses within 2km of the project over the coming weeks to listen to feedback and provide information as required. If you wish to contact me to discuss any aspect of the project or to arrange a meeting, please find my details below. Alternatively, you can email, call or text and request to be kept up to date on the project.

We will continue our on-the-ground public engagement and in April we will hold a local community engagement clinic to give you and your constituents plenty of opportunity to meet the team and ask any questions you may have.

For all information issued to date about the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and all previous newsletters, please visit www.inchamorewindfarm.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Twomey
Community Liaison Officer

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Márta, 2023

[Cllr or Deputy] [Insert Name], a dhuine usail.

Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go maith. Tá bróisiúr pobail faoi iamh atá dírithe ar tionscadal Feirme Ghaoithe na hInse Móire, comhthorbaire idir FuturEnergy Ireland agus SSE Renewables.

Leagtar amach go sonraigh sa bhroisiúr tionscadail seo gach gné den bhforbairt atá beartaíthe maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire. Ina theannta is féidir féachaint ar Thuras Fíorúil ag www.inchamorewindfarm.ie, ina bhfuil achoimrí ar thuras aithneach suirbhé timpeallachta agus fótomantáil den cheantar a thaispeánann suíomh na dtuirbíní atá beartaíthe. Tá achoimre eochair-tionscadail faoi iamh chomh maith agus súil agam go mbeidh sé ina chabhair duit.

Mar Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Pobail (CLO) an tionscadail, tá bróisiúr maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire á scaipeadh agam ar chónaitheoirí a bhfuil cónaí orthu in aice leis an suíomh atá beartaíthe. Ina theannta sin, scaipfear preaseisiúint ar nuachtáin áitiúla agus ar stáisiúin raidió chun iad a choimeád othrom le dáta maidir leis an tionscadal.

Glaofaigh mé go díreach ar thithe atá laistigh de 2km den tionscadal sna seachtainí atá romhainn chun éisteacht le haiseolas agus faisnéis a sholáthar de réir mar is gá. Más mian leat teagmháil a dhéanamh liom chun aon ghné den tionscadal a phlé nó chun cruinniú a shonú, tá mo chuid sonraí thíos. Níl mórán fearr leat, is féidir leat rphost, glaoch gutháin nó téacs a chur chugam ag iarraidh orm tuá a choimeád othrom le dáta maidir leis an tionscadal.

Leanfaimid lenár rannpháirtíocht phoiblí ar an talamh agus i mí Aibreán reachtáilaimid clinic áitiúil rannpháirtíochta pobail chun neart deiseanna a thabhairt duitse agus do dhacain sa dáilcheantar bualadh leis an bhfoireann agus aon cheisteanna atá agat a chur.

Le teacht ar gach eolas a eisíodh go dtí seo maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire atá beartaíthe, lena n-áirítear liosta Ceisteanna Coitianta (CCanna) agus gach nuachtlitr roimhe seo, téigh go dtí www.inchamorewindfarm.ie.

Is mise le meas,

Breandán Ó Tuama
Oifigeach Idirchaidreamh Pobail

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Tá Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire, atá beartaithe, comhdhéanta de 5 thuirbín atá suite ar an taobh thiar de Bhaile Bhúirne i gCo. Chorcaí. Síneann an stráice talún thar 167 heicteár. Limistéar suntasach de seo is ea an fhorais thráchtáta atá faoi úinéireacht Coillte agus is maoin tríú páirtí an chuid eile den talamh seo.

CÉN FÁTH AN TIONSCADAL SEO?

- D'fhéadfadh Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire a dhóthain leictreachais in-athnuaite a ghiniúint chun idir 18,663 agus 24,090 teach a chumhachtú in aghaidh na bliana.
- In imeacht shaolré an tionscadail seo, meastar go ndéanfaidh an fheirm ghaoithe idir 1.1 milliún agus 1.2 milliún tonna dé-ocsaid charbóin (CO₂) a fhritháireamh.
- Is foinsé glan agus breosla glais í an ghaoth ar talamh, atá ar fáil go flúirseach in Éirinn.
- Chabhróidh an tionscadal seo le leachailéacht fuinnimh na hÉireann a laghdú, agus sholáthróidh níos mó slándáta fuinnimh agus eacnamaíoch dáinn go léir, anois agus sa todhchaí.
- D'fhéadfadh an tionscadal Ciste Sochair Pobail de idir €170,000 agus €200,000 in aghaidh na bliana a chur ar fáil don chéad 15 bliana oibríochta mar aon leis an Scéim Ghar-Chomharsan.
- Gheobhadh Comhairle Contae Chorcaí ranníocaíochtaí rátaí bliantúla de idir €280,000 agus €330,000 in aghaidh na bliana.

RANNPHÁIRTÍOCHT PHOBAIL

Bhí teagmháil leanúnach laistigh den phobal áitiúil ar siúl ag an Oifigeach Idirchaidrimh Pobail, Brendan Twomey. I measc na bpleananna eile tá clinic rannpháirtíochta ar an láthair go luath i mí Aibreán.

CEAD PLEANÁLA

Cuirfidh an comhlacht tionscadail, Inchamore Wind DAC, an t-iarraitas pleanála faoi bhráid Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí. Táthar ag siúl go gcuirfear é seo isteach le linn mhí an Bealtaine 2023.

The proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm consists of 5 turbines located west of Ballyvourney in Co. Cork. The land parcel extends to approximately 167 hectares. A significant area of this is commercial forest owned by Coillte and the remaining land is third party property.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

- The proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm could generate enough renewable electricity to power between 18,663 and 24,090 houses annually.
- Over the lifetime of this project, the wind farm is expected to offset between 1.1 million and 1.2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂).
- Onshore wind is a clean, green fuel source, available in abundance in Ireland.
- The project would help to reduce Ireland's energy vulnerability, providing more energy and economic security for us all now and into the future.
- The project could provide a Community Benefit Fund of €170,000 to 200,000 per annum for the first 15 years of operation that includes a Near Neighbour scheme.
- Cork County Council would receive annual rates contributions of an estimated €280,000 to €330,000 annually.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There has been continuous engagement within the local community from our Community Liaison Officer Brendan Twomey. Further plans include an on-site community engagement clinic in April.

PLANNING

The planning application will be submitted to Cork County Council by Inchamore Wind DAC. It is anticipated that this will be submitted in May 2023.

www.inchamoremwindfarm.ie

Date: April 2023 - Invite letter in Irish and English to the 2-day local on-site community engagement clinic distributed to the projects nearest neighbours:

Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire
FutuEnergy Ireland
The Rubicon Centre
Baile an Easpaig
Corcaigh, T12 Y275

Aibreán, 2023

Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go maith.

Tá mé ag gaoth ó dhoras go doras ag leanúint suas ar an mbróisúr tionscadail maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire a seachadadh le déanaí.

Más amhlaidh ná rabhais sa bhaile nuair a ghlaos agus dá mba mhaith leat a thuilleadh eolais a fháil faoin tionscadal, dá mbeadh aon cheisteanna ar leith agat nó dá mba mhaith leat cruinniú a shocrú liom, déan teagmháil liom le do thoil ar m'úimhir theleafón nó mo sheoladh ríomhphost thíos.

Ba mhaith linn cuireadh a thabhairt duit chuig Clinic Rannpháirtíochta Pobail maidir le Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire sa halla i gCúil Aodha, Ara Eamonn Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodha, Maigh Chromtha, Co. Chorcaí, P12 HY57, ar an Déardaoin 20 Aibreán ó 12:00 meán lae go 20:30 agus ar an Aoine 20 Aibreán ó 12:00 meán lae go 18:00. Tá súil againn tú a fheiceáil ag an gclinic, áit ar féidir leat bualadh le foireann Feirm Ghaoithe na hInse Móire go pearsanta, feachaint ar fhaisnéis an tionscadail agus aon cheisteanna atá agat a chur.

Fógrófar an t-eolas comhairliúcháin poiblí thuas go háirithe agus sna nuachtáin chomh maith sna laethanta amach romhainn.

Mun ar féidir leat bheith páirteach sa ohlinc pearsanta, is féidir leat ríomhphost, gaoth nó téacs a chur chun freagraí a fháil ar do cheisteanna nó iarraidh orm go gcoimeádfai suas chun dáta tú maidir leis an tionscadal fuinnimh in-athnuaite seo.

Le teacht ar gach eolas a eisíodh go dtí maidir leis an bhFeirm Ghaoithe atá beartaithe don Inse Mhór, lena n-áirítear liosta Ceisteanna Coitianta (CCanna) agus gach nuachtlitr go dtí seo agus nuashonrúcháin, agus rochtain ar Chur i Láthair Fíorúil an tionscadail, tabhair cuairt le do thoil ar www.inchamoremwindfarm.ie.

Is mise le meas,

Breandán O Tuama
Oifigeach Idirchaidreamh Pobail

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Inse Mhór Wind Farm
FutuEnergy Ireland
The Rubicon Centre
Bishopstown
Cork, T12 Y275

April 2023

I hope this letter finds you well.

I have been calling door-to-door following up on the Inse Mhór Wind Farm project brochure that was delivered recently.

If you were not at home when I called and you would like more information on the project or have any specific questions, please contact me on the telephone number or email below.

The project team would like to invite you to the Inse Mhór Wind Farm Community Engagement Clinic in Coolea Community Hall, Arus éamonn mac suibhne, Cúil aodha, Maigh Chromtha, Co. Chorcaí, P12 HY57. The clinic will run on Thursday April 20 from 12noon to 8pm and Friday April 21 from 12noon to 6pm.

The above public consultation information will also be advertised locally and in the press over the coming days.

We hope to see you at the clinic, where you can meet the Inse Mhór Wind Farm team in person, view the project information and ask any questions you may have. If you cannot attend, you can email, call or text and get your questions answered or request to be kept up to date on this renewable energy project.

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Yours sincerely,

Brendan Twomey
Community Liaison Officer

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Date: April 2023 - Invite Letter to the 2-day local onsite community engagement clinic sent to local elected representatives.


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Aibreán, 2023

[Deputy, Cllr - Name], a dhuine uasail,
Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go maith.

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Yours sincerely,

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Date: April 2023 - Posters displayed in local community settings advertising the 2-day local onsite community engagement clinic and uploaded to community Facebook page.


Inse Mhór Wind Farm

CLINIC RANNPHÁIRTÍOCHTA

Buail lenár bhfoireann go pearsanta, tuilleadh a fhoghlaim faoin tionscadal agus do cheisteanna a chur orainn

Aibreán 20th 12-8pm & Aibreán 21st 12-6pm

Árus éamonn mac suibhne, Cúil aodha, Maigh chromtha, Co. Chorcaí, P12 HY57

R-phost: inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie
Glaigh ar: Brendan Twomey, Oifigeach Idirchaidreamh Pobail, on 087 971 2151

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CLINIC

Meet the team in person, learn more about the project and ask your questions

April 20th 12-8pm & April 21st 12-6pm

Árus éamonn mac suibhne, Cúil aodha, Maigh chromtha, Co. Chorcaí, P12 HY57

Email: inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie
Call: Community Liaison Officer
Brendan Twomey on 087 971 2151




Date: April 2023 - Advertisement placed in local newspapers promoting the 2-day local onsite community engagement clinic:

Thursday, April 13, 2023

NEWS

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Inse Mhór Wind Farm

Inse Mhór Wind Farm is a proposed co-development between FuturEnergy Ireland and SSE Renewables located near Ballyvourney and Coolea in Co. Cork.

You are invited to meet the team, learn more about the project and ask your questions.

Community Engagement Clinics

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Maigh chromtha, Co. Chorcaí, P12 HY57

Email: inchamore@futureenergyireland.ie
Call: Community Liaison Officer
Brendan Twomey on 087 971 2151
Text: 087 971 2151 and request a call back

We look forward to hearing from you

For more information on the project, please visit
www.inchamorewindfarm.ie

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Date: May 2023 – Copy of a “Notice to submit” Letter in Irish and English distributed to the projects nearest neighbours informing them of the project being submitted into planning.



Bealtaine 2023

A Uinéir Tí, a chara,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil tú go maith.

Tá fógra le hiarrratas pleanála a chur isteach le haghaidh Feirm Ghaoithe na Inse Móire atá beartaíte curtha sa nuachtán 'Réalit an Deiscirt/The Southern Star'. Feicfidh tú chomh maith fógraí pleanála á gcur suas agus á dtaispeáint timpeall shuíomh an tionscadail don chomhthorobairt seo de chuid FuturEnergy Ireland agus SSE Renewables. Táthar ag súil go gcuirfidh Inchoamore Wind DAC an t-iarrratas isteach go Comhairle Contae Chorcaí go luath.

Tá iarrratas pleanála á chur isteach go Comhairle Contae Chorcaí maidir leis na gnéithe den tionscadal atá laistigh de bhailte fearainn na hInse Móire, na Millíní agus Dhoirín Alainn, Co. Chorcaí. Cuirsionn an fhorbairt seo 187.3 ha den fhorbairt iomlán (170.1 ha) lena n-áirítear cúig (5 Uimhir) turbín gaoithe, cáblaí faoi thalamh, bóithre rochtana súimh agus na hoibreacha gaolmhara go léir a bhfuil cead pleanála á lorg ina leith. Tá Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnú Tionchair Timpeallachta agus Ráiteas Tionchair Natura ag gabháil leis an iarrratas ar leith seo.

Cuirfead iarrratas pleanála isteach freisin go Comhairle Contae Chiarraí maidir leis na gnéithe den tionscadal atá laistigh de bhailte fearainn Dhoire Aímhréidh agus Choimín an Bhróic, Co. Chiarraí. Cuirsionn an fhorbairt seo 2.8 ha den fhorbairt iomlán (170.1 ha) agus áirítear léi oibreacha cáblaíthe, oibreacha uasghrádaithe bóithair agus bealach isteach chuig an suíomh ón N22 a bhfuil cead pleanála á lorg ina leith. Cuirfead an fógra chun an t-iarrratas pleanála seo a chur isteach i nuachtán an Kerryman, sula gcuirfead an t-iarrratas faoi bhráid Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí go luath.

Nuair a bheidh an t-iarrratas pleanála faighte agus bailíochtaithe ag Comhairle Contae Chorcaí agus ag Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, déanfar an tsraith iomlán de dhóiciméid an iarrratais pleanála a uasdáláil agus beidh siad ar fáil le féachaint orthu ar www.inchamoremwindfarm.ie chomh maith le www.corkcoco.ie agus www.kerrycoco.ie. Beidh cóip chrua den iarrratas pleanála ar fáil chomh maith in oifigí Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí agus in oifigí Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí.

Tá treoir ar rannpháirtíocht an phobail ar shuíomhanna Gréasáin Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí agus Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí arson. Féadfaidh aon duine nó comhlacht a dtuairimí a thabhairt ar an tionscadal feirme ghaoithe, le linn an ama go mbeidh na doiciméid ar fáil le féachaint orthu, tar éis don iarrratas a bheith curtha isteach. Is é an frama ama chun tuairimí a thabhairt ná cúig seachtaine.

Coimeádfaidh mé suas chun dáta tú faoi aon nuacht eile.

Le dea-mhéin agus le meas,

Breandán Ó Tuama
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Dear Homeowner

I hope this letter finds you well.

A notice to submit a planning application for the proposed Inse Mhór Wind Farm has been placed in the Southern Star. You will also see planning notices being erected and displayed around the project site for this FuturEnergy Ireland and SSE Renewables co-development. The application is expected to be submitted by Inchoamore Wind DAC to Cork County Council shortly.

A planning application is being lodged with Cork County Council in relation to the elements of the project that are within the townlands of Inchoamore, Mileeny and Dereenaling, Co. Cork. This development comprises 187.3 ha of the overall development (170.1 ha) and includes five (5 No.) wind turbines, underground cabling, site access roads and all associated works for which planning permission is being sought. This separate application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Statement.

A planning application will also be lodged with Kerry County Council in relation to the elements of the project that are within the townlands of Derryisag and Cummeanawick, Co. Kerry. This development comprises 2.8 ha of the overall development (170.1 ha) and includes cabling works, road upgrade works and site entrance off the N22 for which planning permission is being sought. The notice to submit this planning application will be placed within the Kerryman newspaper prior to the application being lodged with Kerry County Council shortly.

When Cork County Council and Kerry County Council have received and validated the planning applications, the full suite of planning application documentation, will be uploaded and available to view at www.inchamoremwindfarm.ie and at www.corkcoco.ie and www.kerrycoco.ie. A hard copy of the planning application will also be available at the offices of both Cork County Council and Kerry County Council.

Both Cork County Council and Kerry County Council websites have guidance on public participation. Any person or body may make observations on the project wind farm, while the documents are available for viewing, after the application has been submitted. The timeframe to make an observation is five weeks.

I will keep you up to date with any further news.

Kind regards,

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