



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

# Application Form for Permission / Approval in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development

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Please specify the statutory provision under which your application is being made:	<b>Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000</b>
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2. **Applicant:**

Name of Applicant:	<b>Statkraft Ireland</b>
Address:	<b>Building 3400, Avenue 3000, Cork Airport Business Park, Cork,Ireland T12 AE76</b>
Telephone No:	<b>(021) 242 7786</b>
Email Address (if any):	<b>n/a</b>

**3. Where Applicant is a company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s):	<b>Kevin O'Donovan, Alan Goggin, Donal O'Sullivan, Christina Fox, Michelle Funes, Martin Gjerde</b>
Registered Address (of company)	<b>Building 3400, Avenue 3000, Cork Airport Business Park, Cork, Ireland T12 AE76</b>
Company Registration No.	<b>487313</b>
Telephone No.	<b>(021) 242 7786</b>
Email Address (if any)	<b>N/A</b>

**4. Person / Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name:	<b>Caitríona Fox (MWP)</b>
Address:	<b>Malachy Walsh and Partners Reen point, Blennerville, Tralee, Co. Kerry V92 X2TK</b>
Telephone No.	<b>+353 (0)66 7123404</b>
Mobile No. (if any)	<b>N/A</b>
Email address (if any)	<b>caitrona.fox@mwp.ie</b>

**Should all correspondence be sent to the above address? (Please tick appropriate box)**

(Please note that if the answer is “No”, all correspondence will be sent to the Applicant’s address)

Yes: [  ] No:[  ]

Contact Name and Contact Details (Phone number) for arranging entry on site if required / appropriate:

**Rory O’Brien**

**(087) 4063250**

**rory.obrien@statkraft.com**

**5. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans:**

Name:	<b>Paddy Curran</b>
Firm / Company:	<b>Malachy Walsh and Partners</b>
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Email Address (if any):	Paddy.curran@mwp.ie
Details all plans / drawings submitted – title of drawings / plans, scale and no. of copies submitted.  <b>Schedule of Planning drawings included in Appendix 1</b>	

**6. Site:**

<p>Site Address / Location of the Proposed Development (as may best identify the land or structure in question)</p>	<p><b>Within the townlands of Barranaghs, Garryhinch, Annamore in County Offaly and Forest Upper, Forest Lower, Coolnavarnoga, Coolaghy, Kilbride, Ballymorris, Cooltederry and Bracklone Co. Laois.</b></p>
<p>Ordnance Survey Map Ref No. (and the Grid Reference where available)</p>	<p><b>OSI Sheet Nos- 3652, 3653, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3710, 3711, 3712, 3713</b></p>
<p>Where available, please provide the application site boundary, as shown in the submitted plans / drawings, as an ESRI shapefile in the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM IRENET95) co-ordinate reference system. Alternatively, a CAD file in .dwg format, with all geometry referenced to ITM, may be provided. <b>Shapefile has been included with the application</b></p>	
<p>Area of site to which the application relates in hectares</p>	<p><b>90.8</b></p>
<p>Site zoning in current Development Plan for the area:</p>	<p><b>Windfarm collector cable and New 110kV Substation- Stronger Rural Area</b></p> <p><b>UG Cable route is located within public road</b></p> <p><b>Bracklone 110kV Substation- zoned C6 - Mixed/general commercial/industrial/enterprise uses (Laois County Development Plan 2021-2027)</b></p>
<p>Existing use of the site &amp; proposed use of the site:</p>	<p><b>Existing: Agriculture, scrubland, public road network, forestry</b></p> <p><b>Proposed: Electricity Infrastructure</b></p>
<p>Name of the Planning Authority(s) in whose functional area the site is situated:</p>	<p><b>Laois County Council and Offaly County Council</b></p>

7. **Legal Interest of Applicant in respect of the site the subject of the application:**

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure:	Owner	Occupier
	Other ✓	
Where legal interest is "Other", please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.		
<p><b>The cable route will be constructed primarily within public roads within the jurisdiction of Offaly County Council and Laois County Council. The substation and windfarm collector cable will be within third party private lands. Where the development occurs in third party lands, the applicant has obtained Letters of Consent. Refer to Appendix 2 of this application form.</b></p>		
<p><b>If you are not the legal owner</b>, please state the name and address of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.</p>		
<p><b>Conor McNamara – Manor Cottage, Manor Street, Mountmellick, Co. Laois.</b>  <b>William Honer – Gash Court, Castletown, Co. Laois.</b>  <b>Martin Gorman - Barranaghs, Co. Offaly.</b>  <b>Padraig Maher – Bracklone Co. Laois</b>  <b>Coillte CGA- Coillte Property in Co. Offaly</b></p> <p><b>Article 22(2)(g)(ii) of the Planning Regulations applies – Confirmation letter submitted</b></p> <p><b>Please refer to Appendix 2 of this form for Landowner Consent Letters</b></p>		
<p>Does the applicant own or have a beneficial interest in adjoining, abutting or adjacent lands? If so, identify the lands and state the interest.</p>		
<p><b>Yes – Applicant has permission for a Wind Energy Development on adjoining and adjacent lands (Planning Ref (Laois Co. Co. Reg. Ref. 20/78 and An Bord Pleanála (ABP) Case Ref 310312-21).</b></p>		

## 8. Site History:

Details regarding site history (if known):
<p>Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?</p> <p>Yes: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]</p> <p>If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:</p> <p>Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?</p> <p>Yes: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]</p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p>

Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land / structure?		
<p>Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]</p>		
<p>If yes, please state planning register reference number(s) of same if known and details of applications</p>		
Reg. Ref. No:	Nature of Proposed Development	Nature of Final Decision of Application Grant of Refusal by Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála
<p>2078 (Laois County Council)</p> <p>ABP-310312-21</p>	<p>Wind Farm comprising of 8 no. wind turbines with a tip height of up to 185 metres and all associated foundations and hardstanding areas; 1 no. on-site electrical substation; 1 no. temporary construction compound; all associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed on-site electrical substation within the Townlands of Dernacart, Forest Upper &amp; Forest Lower, Co. Laois</p>	<p>Refused by Laois County Council on 30/04/2021</p> <p>Granted permission by ABP on 03/01/2024 following an appeal</p>
<p>20638 (Laois County Council)</p>	<p>110kV Electrical Substation at Bracklone, Portarlinton, Co. Laois</p>	<p>Granted by Laois County Council on 02/12/2021</p>

10/236 (Laois County Council)	110kV/medium voltage electrical transformer station at Bracklone, Portarlinton, Co. Laois	Granted by Laois County Council on 01/07/2010
2360261	(i) 136 no. battery storage units; (ii) 17 no. MV skids (PCS + MV/LV Transformer solution); (iii) a new site access and onsite access tracks; (iv) electrical and communications cabling; (v) pole-mounted security cameras; (vi) security fencing and security gates; (vii) a temporary construction compound; (viii) all associated and ancillary site development, landscaping and reinstatement works, over a total site area of ca.3.4 hectares. The operational lifetime of the proposed development is 35-years.	Granted by Laois County Council on 14/02/2024
<p>If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then any required site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development regulations 2001 as amended.</p>		
<p><b>Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development?</b></p>		
<p>Yes: [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]</p> <p>If yes please specify</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: _____</p>		

**9. Description of the Proposed Development:**

Brief description of nature and extent of development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) 110kV substation with associated compound, including Two (2) single storey control and operational buildings, electrical plant, equipment, cabling, lighting, CCTV, lightning masts, diesel generator and diesel tank, security palisade fencing,</li> <li>• 2.45km underground electric cabling systems between the wind farm site and the proposed 110kV substation overlain with 5.5m wide stone access track</li> <li>• 10.85km of 110kV underground electrical cabling from the proposed 110kV substation to the consented Bracklone 110kV substation including enabling works, services diversions, joint bays, along the grid route</li> <li>• New entrance and access road to substation site from the R423.</li> <li>• New clear span and box culvert/piped water course crossings</li> <li>• Peat/spoil deposition areas</li> <li>• and all associated felling, drainage and ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development</li> </ul>
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**10. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and a breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:**

Class of Development:	Gross Floor Area in m <sup>2</sup>
N/A	N/A



**11. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:**

Gross floor space of any existing buildings(s) in m <sup>2</sup>	N/A
Gross floor space of proposed works in m <sup>2</sup>	<b>EirGrid Building (440.2m<sup>2</sup>) IPP Building (160.2m<sup>2</sup>)</b>
Gross floor space of work to be retained in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A
Gross floor space of any demolition in m <sup>2</sup> (if appropriate)	N/A

**12. In the case of residential development please provide breakdown of residential mix: *NOT APPLICABLE***

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4 + Bed	Total
Houses	N/A						
Apartments							
Number of car-parking spaces to be provided		Existing:	Proposed:			Total:	

**13. Social Housing: *NOT APPLICABLE***

Please tick appropriate box:	Yes	No
<i>Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 applies?</i>		✓
<p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act.</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “yes” but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).</p> <p>If the answer to the above question is “no” by virtue of section 96 (13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, details indicating the basis on which section 96 (13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.</p>		

**14. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use: *Not applicable***

Existing use (or previous use where retention permission is sought)
N/A
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)
N/A
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain).
N/A

**15. Development Details:**

Please tick appropriate box:	If answer is yes please give details	YES	NO
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of a Protected Structure(s), in whole or in part?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and / or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and / or its curtilage?			✓
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?			✓
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act, 1994.		✓	
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area?		✓	
Does the development require the preparation of a Natura Impact Statement?		✓	
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report?		✓	
Do you consider that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in a transboundary state?			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring an integrated pollution prevention and control license			✓
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purpose of an activity requiring a waste license?			✓
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?			✓
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?			✓
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any habitable house?			✓

## 16. Services:

<b>Proposed Source of Water Supply:</b>
Existing connection: <input type="checkbox"/> New Connection: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Mains: <input type="checkbox"/> Group Water Scheme: <input type="checkbox"/> Private Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): <b>Rain water harvesting system and bottled water</b> _____ Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable): _____
<b>Proposed Wastewater Management / Treatment:</b>
Existing: <input type="checkbox"/> New: <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sewer: <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional septic tank system: <input type="checkbox"/> Other on site treatment system: <input type="checkbox"/> Please Specify: <b>Wastewater holding tank to be emptied by licenced waste contractor and taken to an authorized waste facility</b> _____
<b>Proposed Surface Water Disposal: <i>Not applicable</i></b>
Public Sewer / Drain: <input type="checkbox"/> Soakpit: <input type="checkbox"/> Watercourse: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify: <b>Collected stormwater will pass through an oil/petrol interceptor prior to draining into an on-site attenuation system and then overflow at a controlled rate equal to the existing greenfield runoff rate</b>

## 17. Notices:

Details of public newspaper notice – paper(s) and date of publication
<b>Leinster Express: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b> <b>Irish Independent: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>  Copy of page(s) of relevant newspaper enclosed Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Details of site notice, if any, - location and date of erection
<b>The location of the site notice is shown on Planning Drawings 23268-MWP-00-00-DR-C-5002</b>  <b>Date of erection of site notice: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>  Copy of site notice enclosed Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Details of other forms of public notification, if appropriate e.g. website
<b>www.dernacartwindfarmsid.ie</b>

## 18. Pre-application Consultation:

<b>Date(s) of statutory pre-application consultations with An Bord Pleanála</b>
<b>An Bord Pleanála (1<sup>st</sup> Pre Application Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)</b> <b>An Bord Pleanála (2<sup>nd</sup> Pre Application Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023)</b> Enclosed: Yes: [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No:[ <input type="checkbox"/> ] See <b>Appendix 4</b>  <b>Schedule of any other pre application consultations –name of person / body and date of consultation to be provided as appropriate and also details of any general public consultations i.e. methods, dates, venues etc. This can be submitted as a separate schedule with the application form.</b>

**Offaly County Council Planning Department (15<sup>th</sup> February 2024)**

**Offaly County Council Roads Department (5<sup>th</sup> March 2024)**

Enclosed: N/A

Yes: [ ] No:[  ]

Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the making of the application has been sent and a sample copy of such notification.

Enclosed: See **Appendix 5**

Yes: [  ] No:[ ]

**19. Confirmation Notice:**


**Copy of Confirmation Notice**

A copy of the confirmation notice in relation to the EIA Portal is enclosed in **Appendix 6**.

**20. Application Fee:**

Fee Payable	€100,000 Payment made on 09 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 Ref-Dernacart SID Fee  A copy of the receipt is attached to this application Form. See <b>Appendix 7</b>
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**I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and that the application documents being deposited at the planning authority offices, and any other location specified by the Board in pre application consultations, including a website (if any) will be identical to the application documents being deposited with the Board.**

Signed: (Applicant or Agent as appropriate)	
Date:	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2024

**General Guidance Note:**

The range and format of material required to be compiled / submitted with any application in respect of a proposed strategic infrastructure development shall generally accord with the requirements for a planning application as set out in the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 to 2018 and those Regulations should therefore be consulted prior to submission of any application.

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