

Dear Mr Massey,

Thank you for your emails to date and we appreciate the opportunity to liaise with you and let you know where we are with the proposal to date.

McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan (MKO) have been contracted by Innogy Renewables Ireland to act as Community Liaison Officer (CLO) for the potential project.

I have answered your questions below with responses in blue text. I have provided as much information as I can, but please understand that there are a number of questions and information requests that I am unable to provide clarifications on at this time due to the early stage we are at in the overall process. Should a project be brought forward for consideration, a community engagement process will be carried out generally in accordance with the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment's (DCCA) "Code of Practice for Wind Energy Developments in Ireland – Guidelines for Community Engagement", The actual structure of this is not known at this stage in the development, but once it is all interested parties will be informed. It is likely that this will initially comprise a public information evening and the setting up of a website to allow people access to information online.

In relation to the supplementary question you forwarded on April 17th, I have answered that question as part of the responses to Questions 10, 12, 15, 20 & 21 below.

2 Who do you act for? Please identify them by name, address and where appropriate corporate registration number or business name registration number. Are your clients the promoter(s).

Our client, Innogy Renewables Ireland Ltd., is the project developer and their address is Unit 5, Floor 2, [Desart House, Lower New St., Kilkenny, Ireland](#)

3 What exactly is your brief from your client(s)?

To act as Community Liaison Officer (CLO) and complete the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and planning application; should a project be brought forward for consideration.

4 With whom do you propose to share this correspondence?

We have shared your list of questions with Innogy Renewables Ireland Ltd. to provide answers and clarification on points that required their input. This correspondence will also be included in planning application documentation, should a planning application be lodged.

We would also like to share this response with Ava Farrington as per our commitment to keep her informed of any updates.

5 Has a Stage 1 screening under the Habitats Directive been completed for the intended project? If so, by whom and please furnish a copy.

Should a development be proposed it will be the subject of an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report/Natura Impact Statement, neither of which can yet be completed. An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report was completed for the erection of the met mast and was submitted to Waterford County Council.

6 What material has been compiled for the purposes of assessing environmental impact of the proposed project? Please furnish copies and please confirm that all drafts will be preserved.

The project is at an early stage and so no material has yet been compiled with regard to detailed environmental impact assessments. Should a development be proposed, baseline surveys in accordance with recognised methodologies will be completed and used to inform any assessment.

- 7 Has your client(s) planning consultant prepared a draft Planner's Report or draft Planning Application? If so, please furnish a copy.

As the project is at an early stage this has not been prepared.

- 8 If your function is to act as some form of Community Liaison Person on behalf of your client(s) then we understand that pursuant to the Irish Wind Energy Association protocol in that regard that your client(s) will by now have all legal contracts in place needed for carrying the proposal. Accordingly, please furnish copies of same. (There is no difficulty with redacting price information which would be a reasonable measure under commercial sensitivity).

The CLO role that MKO has been tasked to perform does not relate to an operational wind farm. At this stage, MKO are available to members of the community who would like to engage in the process and have queries answered. As we are at an early stage in the process there are no contracts as a defined project does not yet exist.

- 9 Proposed make, number and type of turbines including their power capacity (MW), hub height and blade dimensions including wind capture area of the rotating blades.

The project is at an early stage and proposed turbine type, number or power capacity has yet to be determined.

- 10 Initial plan for turbine positions on the site.

See response to Question 9

- 11 Noise contour maps/ Noise envelope including decibel forecasts (dB) within 1km, 2 km and 5 km distances down - wind during light, medium and heavy winds. Ideally, we want to be able to see a noise duration curve which shows the number of hours when turbine noise will be above different, specified levels at different distances.

A detailed noise assessment will be completed as part of the EIAR process. A noise assessment cannot be carried out at this point in the process in the absence of a site layout and proposed turbine locations.

- 12 Outline plans for new roads both temporary and permanent.

The proposal is still at the design phase and will be the subject of a constraints study and site investigation, neither of which have yet been completed

- 13 Planned duration of the site construction phase and of the operation of the wind farm.

The duration of the works will be determined by the scale of any development which will be known once a detailed design stage has been completed.

14 Traffic impact during site construction including type and amount of additional traffic.

We can't be definitive on this as we are at such an early stage in the process but should a development be brought forward, details on traffic related impacts will likely be available for discussion during the community engagement process.

15 Sites and sizes of any new substations.

Again, we can't be definitive on this as we are at such an early stage in the process but should a development be brought forward, a detailed description of the substation will be included in the planning documentation.

16 Routes of any new power lines and whether they will be overhead lines or buried.

Again, we can't be definitive on this as we are at such an early stage in the process but should a development be brought forward, details on grid connection will be available for discussion during the community engagement process and a detailed description of any proposed electrical lines will be included in the planning documentation.

17 Impact of additional intermittent asynchronous generating capacity on the local EirGrid system.

No impact anticipated as part of any proposed development as EirGrid control and operate the system.

18 Number and nature of new permanent jobs created in the vicinity.

This is currently unknown.

19 Broad plans for evaluating the likely environmental impact in addition to noise and construction (see above) (EU driven Environmental Impact Assessment including ecological, shadow flicker, cultural heritage and visual impact for example) with associated mitigation measures and residual environmental impact assessment.

Should a proposal be brought forward it will be the subject of Environmental Impact Assessment through the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). The EIAR will be completed in accordance with the new EIA Directive and the most recent guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency.

20 Please provide full details of the footprint of the development site and of the intended grid connection route as well as the technical specifications of the siting.

See response to Question 16

21 Please provide dimensions, details of siting and capacity of any associated substations or ancillary buildings.

[See response to Question 15](#)

22 Please provide shadow flicker calculation tables.

[A Shadow Flicker assessment cannot be carried out at this time in the absence of a site layout and proposed turbine locations. Should a project be brought forward for consideration, shadow flicker assessment will be completed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process.](#)

23 Please provide ZTV mapping to give the community an understanding of how visible the turbines will be and who will see them.

[A landscape & visual impact assessment will be completed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process. Should a project be brought forward, ZTV mapping will be available during the community engagement process.](#)

24 Please provide visualisations from all the nearest settlements of Knockanore, Mount Uniacke, Inch, Tallow, Villierstown, AGLISH

[See response to Question 23](#)

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

If there is any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Owen Cahill