

Phase 2

Project newsletter



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Dear Reader.

Welcome to the first edition of the Oweninny Phase 2 Wind Farm newsletter. Since construction commenced in early 2021, it has been a very busy period on the project and we are very grateful to local residents, community groups and local businesses for their cooperation and support during the construction on Phase 2 of the Oweninny Wind Farm.

Once complete, Phase 2 will have an output capacity of 83MW and both phases combined will have an overall output of 172MW. This is equivalent to providing clean energy to more than 140,000 homes per annum.

Developed by ESB and Bord na Móna, Phase 2 of the wind farm will consist of 31 turbines with an overall tip height of 176m. This phase of the project represents an investment of more than €100m in Ireland's clean energy future and is one of the largest construction projects in the west of Ireland. The value of the project to the local economy is in the region of €25m through local suppliers and equipment providers, employment and accommodation. This is a similar investment to the local economy as Phase 1.

To date, our civil works contractor Roadbridge has constructed more than 14km of internal access road and excavation works for turbine foundations and crane hardstandings are ongoing. H&MV - our electrical contractor are due to commence works on site shortly, while Nordex are the preferred supplier for the 31 wind turbines. More than 100 jobs will be sustained during the construction phase, with a majority of the workforce from the Connacht region.

Please be assured that I will make every effort to engage with you during the construction phase of the development and will communicate key project updates with you as they occur.

In the meantime, should you wish to contact me to discuss any queries or concerns you have in relation to the project please contact me via the contact details provided in this newsletter.

Richard Cosgrove, Community Liaison Officer

Kind regards,

Project location

Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 2 will be developed by Oweninny Power 2 DAC, a joint venture between ESB and Bord na Móna. The site is located in North Mayo, approximately 20km west of Crossmolina and 11km east of Bangor Erris just north of the N59.

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Successful in the first renewable energy support scheme auction – RESS 1



Construction Compound completed



Main site works commenced



Over 14km of internal road network completed



Construction of turbines hardstands and foundations commenced



Construction Community Benefit Fund Launched

Operational Community Benefit Fund Overview

Oweninny Power 2 DAC will make an annual contribution of €2/MWh (of Loss-Adjusted Metered Generation) into a Community Benefit Fund for the duration of the RESS Contract (15 Years). The fund value will vary each year as it will be calculated based on the annual output of the wind farm. As part of RESS 1 there are a number of mandatory requirements that Oweninny Power 2 DAC must apply to the Community Benefit Fund – including conditions around distribution of the Funds.

In July 2021 the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications published "A Good Practice Principles Handbook" in relation to the Community Benefit Fund. This handbook sets out a range of principles and guidance on these Community Benefit Funds. This Fund will not open until the wind farm enters commercial operation. Once we have completed a detailed review of this Handbook and how these funds should be structured, we will provide an update to the local community and near neighbours on the next steps involved in establishing this Operational Fund.

Similar to Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 1, Phase 2 will provide an annual contribution to the Mayo County Council Community Benefit Fund. This contribution to the County Council Fund will be offset against the overall RESS Community Benefit Fund for Phase 2 of the project.



Construction Community Benefit Fund Now Open!

In addition to the Operation Community Benefit Fund outlined on the previous page, Oweninny Power 2 DAC has launched the Construction Community Benefit Fund to facilitate the support of local community projects prior to the commencement of the Operational Community Benefit Fund. Should your local community project committee wish to apply for funding, please visit www.oweninnywindfarm.ie to complete your application*. Organisations requiring any help or support with their application can contact us via: info@oweninny.ie with their enquiries. Community based and voluntary organisations located within or working with communities in the vicinity of the development or turbine transport route are encouraged to apply for support through the fund. Priority will be given to locations directly impacted by the construction works or transport route. Proposed projects must demonstrate a clear focus on one or a number of the following fund themes: Education, Health, Environment, Energy Efficiency/Sustainability, Culture, and Recreation. Only one application per group, per year may be submitted. Applications will not be accepted from individuals. For further details on the terms and conditions of the Fund please visit: www.oweninnywindfarm.ie

*Please note that submission of application does not guarantee funding. Requests are evaluated on a case by case basis.

Expression of Interest in work or the provision of services or materials to the project

Should you wish to express an interest in working on the wind farm development, or providing services or materials to the project, contractors/sub-contractors or Oweninny Power 2 DAC on the project, we continue to invite you to send an expression of interest to: info@oweninny.ie

Please state on your expression of interest which aspect of the wind farm development (civil, electrical, engineering services, civil engineering and construction, electrical engineering and construction, turbine supply and installation, and turbine operation and maintenance) you are interested in working on. Your expression of interest will then be forwarded to the relevant party for consideration. Please note that an expression of interest does not guarantee employment nor is it an offer of employment and has no legal effect. Oweninny Power 2 DAC is facilitating the transfer of expressions of interest only. It will be solely a matter for the relevant party how they deal with and respond to any expression of interest.

For the purposes of data protection, please note that the only personal data that we hold will be the details you submit on your "Expression of Interest" (Name, address, email, contact number etc). Your details will be stored in a secure encrypted database on the Oweninny Power 2 DAC servers for a period of six months. By sending this information to the project email you are consenting to Owe Oweninny Power 2 DAC forwarding this information to the wind farm contractors. The wind farm contractors will be subject to relevant data protection legislation which includes the requirement to protect any personal data they held for the purposes of providing the service.







Project Timeline



How to contact us:

Our Community Liaison Officer Richard is available to meet and discuss any queries you may in relation to the construction of Phase 2 of the Oweninny Wind Farm. We will also provide key project updates through further newsletters and the project text messaging system. If you wish to be included on the communication list, please contact Richard using the details below:

Phone: 086-8106583

Email: Info@oweninny.ie

For more information related to the project, please visit: www.oweninnywindfarm.ie