



Ballyfasy
Wind Farm

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Manogate Ltd is exploring the potential for a renewable energy project in the area known as Ballyfasy, 4km east of the M9 at Mullinavat in Co. Kilkenny. Manogate is a company owned by FuturEnergy Ireland and ART Generation.

Our third newsletter on the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm provides more details on how this project could benefit you, as a community and individuals, and what you can expect from us in the coming months.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail, please get in touch with your local Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) Tom Whelan and Tom Boland, whose contact details are on the back of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Community benefits

Ballyfasy Wind Farm has the potential to bring benefits to local communities. These include a significant Community Benefit Fund and local authority rates contributions.

A Community Benefit Fund

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communication established the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) in 2021. Under this scheme all participating developers must set up a mandatory Community Benefit Fund for successful projects.

An important cornerstone of the RESS fund is that

the local community participates in all decisions regarding how the funding should be used. This places the community at the heart of the decision-making process and will be key to the success of the fund. SEAI has a support, oversight and compliance role across all RESS funds.

How much is the fund?

The size of the Community Benefit Fund is determined by the amount of electricity generated by the wind farm. This ensures that the community will see tangible benefits from hosting a wind farm in their locality.

In practice, the fund value is calculated whereby for each megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity produced, the project owner contributes €2 into a community fund for the RESS contract period i.e., the first 15 years of operation. If the project does not qualify for RESS, Manogate Ltd pledges to match these contributions.

If Ballyfasy Wind Farm is consented and constructed based on the current draft design, the project has the potential to generate between 180,000 and 227,000 MWh of green electricity per year. This means that the project could contribute a minimum €360,000 annually to the Community Benefit Fund for the first 15 years of operation. Therefore, the overall Community Benefit Fund will be in the order of €5.4 million.



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turbines



180,000

megawatt hour (MWh)
green electricity



€360,000* pa

estimated
Community Benefit Fund

* This estimate is based on the preliminary 10 turbine layout, which is subject to change, and gives annual figures for the first 15 years of operation.



What can the fund be used for?

Government guidelines stipulate that some of the fund should go towards those who live in close proximity to the project, which is why a proportion is designated for “near neighbour” payments.

It is also important that broader community benefits apply as well, as set out in the RESS guidelines. These will include projects in the wider area that meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals such as education, climate action, energy efficiency, biodiversity, recreation, culture and heritage. There are also provisions made for sports clubs and societies.

For those who live near Ballyfasy Wind Farm, these funds would offer opportunities for strategic projects such as building local community facilities, deep retrofit schemes for homes or tourism upgrades and tourist attractions. The scope for a community vision backed by reliable funding can help to make rural regeneration a reality.

For governance and guidance on RESS funds, please refer to the Government’s Rulebook for Community Benefit Funds published in May 2025, which can be downloaded from:

www.ballyfasywindfarm.ie/community.

Should the project receive a positive planning grant, the project team will carry out public consultation to establish a Community Benefit Fund Committee. This committee will be made up of local people with the assistance of an administrator. Workshops and information sessions will ensure that the local community will be well informed to get the most out of the fund.

Annual rates contributions

It is anticipated that the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm will contribute in the region of €500,000 per annum to the local authority body. If the project is consented, the exact figure will be calculated by Kilkenny County Council and depends on the MWs installed.

This would have a positive impact on the development of local infrastructure and amenities such as roads, public lighting, street cleaning, libraries, fire services, public amenities and employment.





Project Update

The design team has been assessing the draft turbine layout, informed by the recently completed site survey work. More design work has yet to be carried out before the turbine layout is finalised.

Studies Update

- The project design is in draft form. The design will be frozen in autumn 2025.
- All environmental studies have been concluded and the EIAR is being completed.

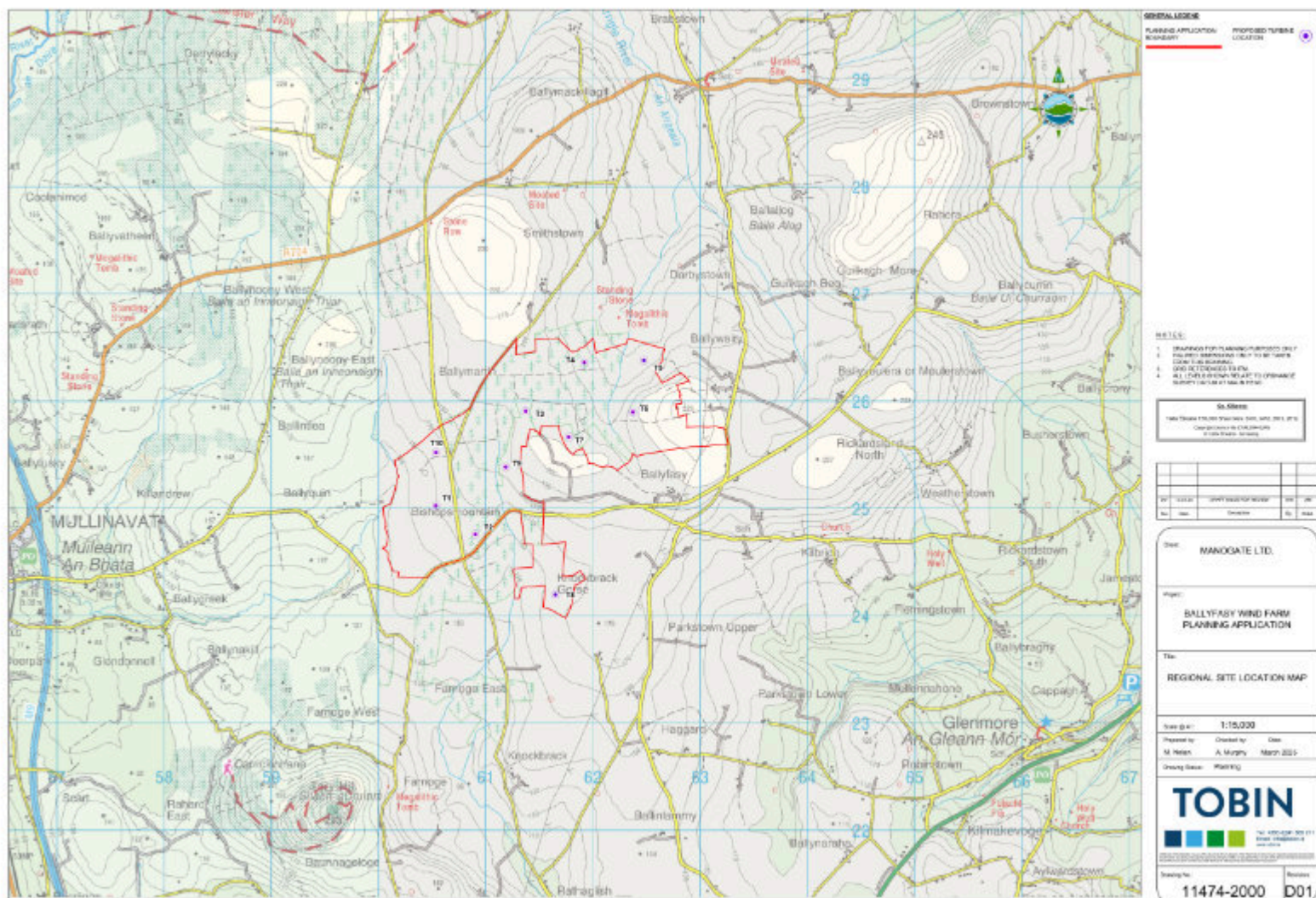


Figure 1. Ballyfas draft turbine layout map

Next Steps

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- Community engagement continues with Community Liaison Officers available to discuss the project.

Autumn/Winter 2025

- A detailed project brochure will be delivered to homes within 2km of the project site. The brochure will also be available on the project website www.ballyfasywindfarm.ie accompanied by a Virtual Tour. Both the brochure and Virtual Tour will contain survey and study results, a full set of photomontages and a final turbine layout map.
- A Community Clinic will be held locally to give stakeholders the opportunity to meet the Ballyfasy team and discuss the project.
- Following the above consultation process, Manogate Ltd expects to submit a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála by the end of 2025.





Contact us

We welcome your input and feedback. If you would like to subscribe to our mailing list, please get in touch.

For all information issued about the proposed Ballyfasy Wind Farm, including a list of FAQs and all previous newsletters, please visit www.ballyfasywindfarm.ie

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