

#### Technical Workshop - Engineering: Construction/Transport/Grid/Storage



### **Presentation Overview**

- 1. Project Overview
- 2. Construction Process
- 3. Construction Traffic
- 4. Turbine Transport
- 5. Grid Connection
- 6. Energy Storage



# **Components of a Wind Farm**

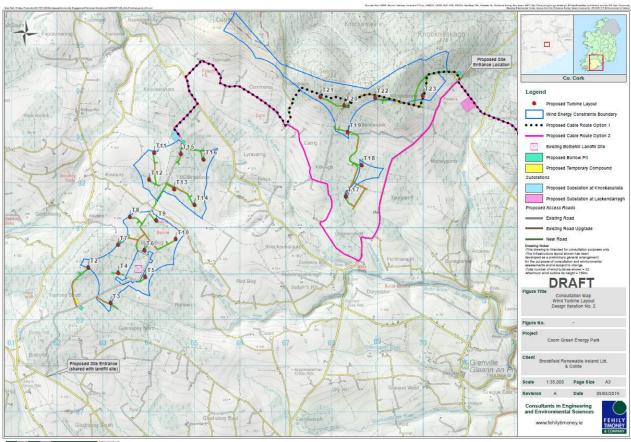
- New Access Tracks
- Hardstanding/Cranepad at each turbine
- New substation
- Grid connection
- Turbine Foundations
- Turbines





# **Project Overview**

- 22 Turbines
- New access roads
- Grid connection
- Energy Storage

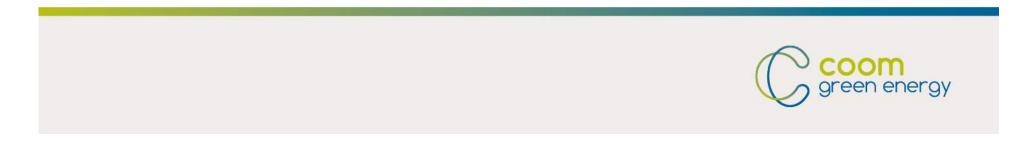






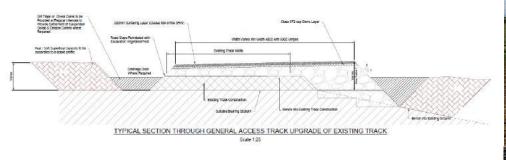
### **Construction Process**

- Roads and turbine hardstandings:
  - 12.4km of new access roads
  - 6.2km of upgraded track
  - 7.2km of existing track
- Drainage associated with new infrastructure
- Foundations 22 foundations
- Substation 2 new substations
- Landscaping blend the civil works into the landscape



# Wind Farm Roads

- Roads 5m wide, wider on bends
- Maximise use of existing access roads
- Turbine hardstandings approx. 50m x 30m

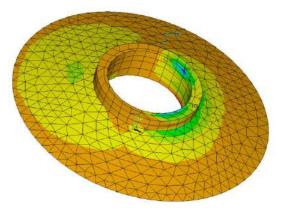


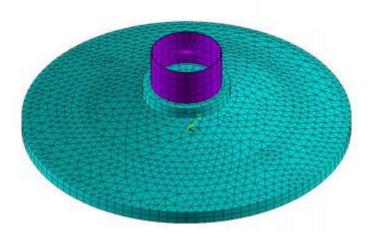




# Wind Turbine Foundations

- Between 16 and 20m diameter
- 400-600m3 of concrete
- 50-75t steel per base







#### Wind Turbine Foundations



#### **Turbine foundation reinforcement**



#### Wind Turbine Foundations



#### Foundation base backfilled

#### **Concrete Poured**





# **Backfilled Turbine Foundations**



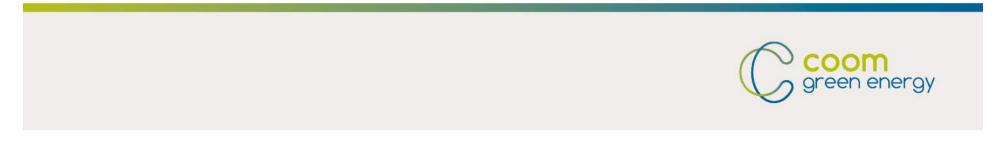


#### Traffic and Transport TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Traffic impacts on the road network for:
  - Construction activities; and
  - Operation period
- The assessment will include:
  - Supply of materials;
  - Plant and equipment;
  - ➤ Turbine elements; and
  - Components of the substation.
- Traffic arising from the construction and operations workforce will also be addressed.

Outline Traffic Management Plan submitted with planning application

Consultation with residences



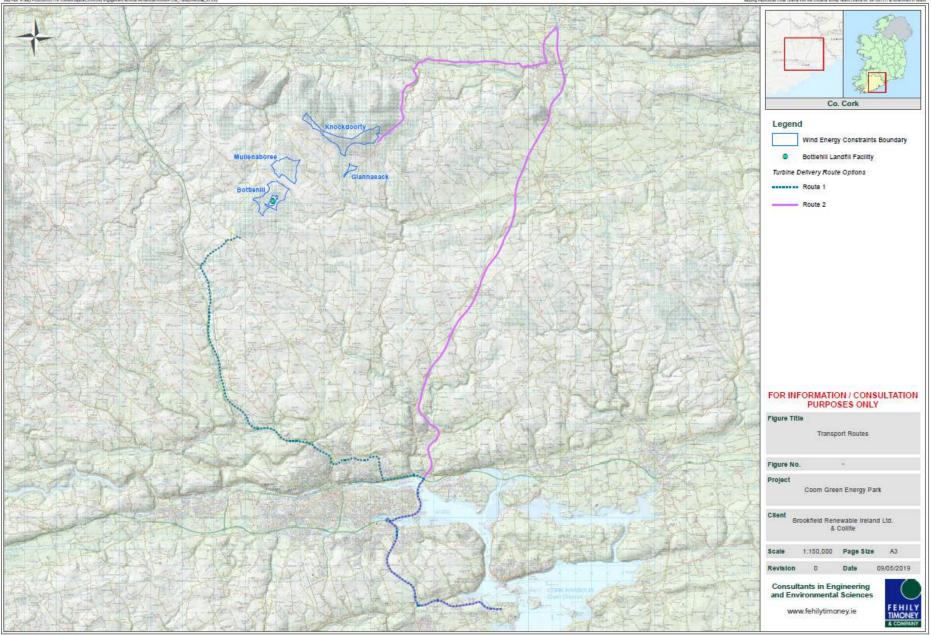
# **Traffic and Transport**

#### TRAFFIC GENERATED FROM WIND FARM

- Stone will be reduced should a suitable borrow pit be found on site
- Concrete up to 600m3 over 8 hours
  > One day per turbine
- Staff staff traffic to site compound AM & PM
- Building Materials ad-hoc deliveries
- Electrical Cables as required



#### **Turbine Transport Route**



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# **Turbine Transport**

#### **ROUTE SURVEYS**

- Route surveys will identify potential pinch points.
- The haul routes will be identified and assessed to reduce the impact as much as possible.
- Swept path analysis will be carried out at pinch point locations
  - Towers delivered on clamps
  - Blades extended collapsible trailer
  - > Other components low-loader deliveries
- Deliveries will be at night under Garda escort



### **Transport Vehicles**

#### ABNORMAL LOAD DELIVERIES



Typical Trial Run Prior to delivery of components to the wind farm site, a dummy run would be completed with an empty trailer.



#### **Blade Delivery**

Blades will be delivered on extended trailers. The rear axles can steer to reduce the areas of widening on the public roads.



#### Turbine tower delivery Turbine tower sections will be delivered in batches and will be 20-35m long.



Nacelle Delivery The wind turbine nacelle delivery will be made on a low loader.



**Stone Deliveries** 



#### **Concrete Deliveries**

Construction traffic to and from the site during the works will mainly consist of stone and concrete deliveries. The onsite plant will remain on site after being delivered during site establishment and removed on completion.

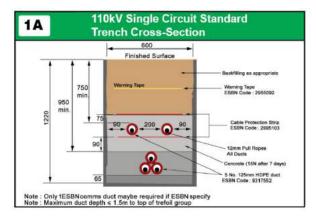


# **Grid Connection**

110kV Option: Barrymore – Lackendarragh

220kV Option: Glannakip - Lackendarragh

- Trenches grid cable will be installed within the road corridor or in the verge where possible
- Forms part of the Environmental Impact Assessment
  - Traffic Impact Assessment
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Consultation with residences

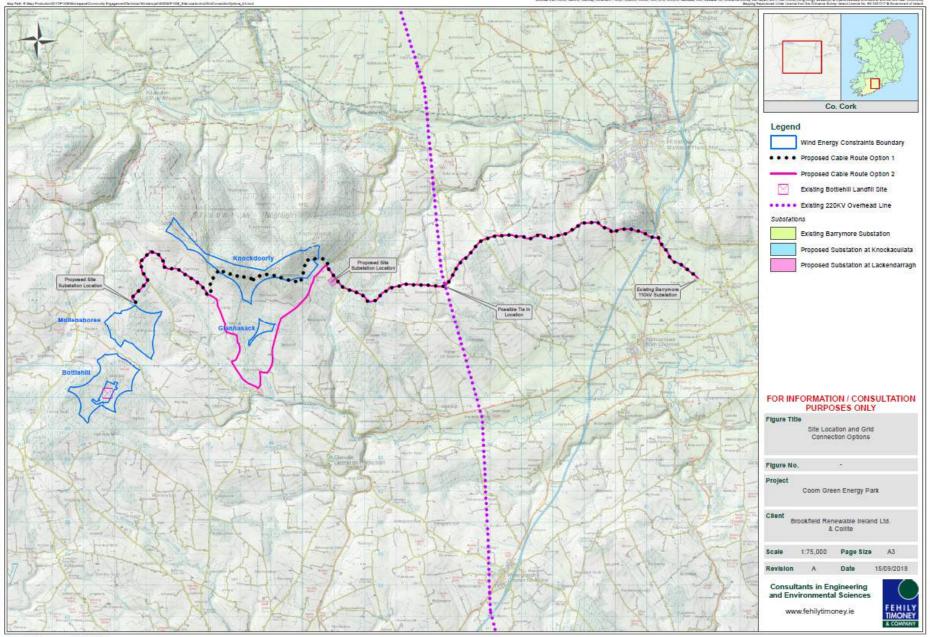








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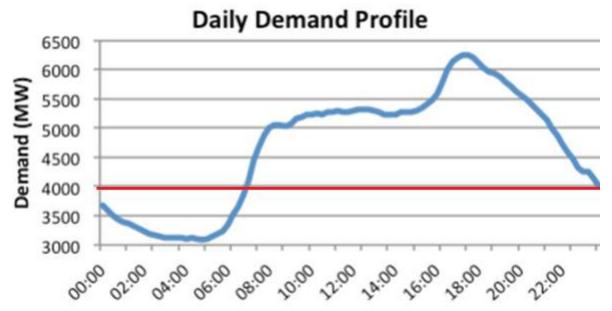
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#### **Substation**





#### **Battery Storage**



Source: Eirgrid

- Currently 3.9GW installed wind (end 2017)
- Charge at night, discharge at peak



### **Battery Storage**

- Containerised energy storage
- Within substation boundary
- Self-contained units
- Roof mounted solar







### Thank You

Any questions?



