

# Crumhach Wind Farm

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# Project Update

SSE will shortly submit a planning application for the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm to An Coimisiún Pleanála (formerly An Bord Pleanála) under the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) process, for projects of national importance.

This follows a programme of local and community stakeholder engagement that has been ongoing since early 2024. As part of this process, SSE undertook a six-week, pre-planning community consultation from the 23rd July to 3rd September 2025, providing an opportunity to hear directly from the local community and gather feedback on the proposed development.

Project information was made available at in-person events held at Dromore West Community Centre and the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy on the 23rd and 24th July respectively. For those unable to attend, information, alongside and online feedback form, was made available through a virtual consultation room to ensure broad accessibility. The

consultation events were free to attend and enabled members of the public to learn more about the proposals and engage directly with the project team.

Following submission of the planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála, and once the application is confirmed as complete, a statutory period for members of the public to make submissions or observations will open. This will be publicised in accordance with planning requirements, including through site notices and newspaper advertisements. The planning application documents will also be available to view via an independent website.

Under Irish planning law, renewable energy projects over 50MW are typically classified as SID and the planning application may be made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála, rather than the local authority. This streamlined process ensures that projects critical to Ireland’s energy and climate goals are assessed efficiently while still allowing for full public participation and environmental scrutiny.



The first of two public consultation events which took place on the 23rd of July 2025 in Dromore West Community Centre.

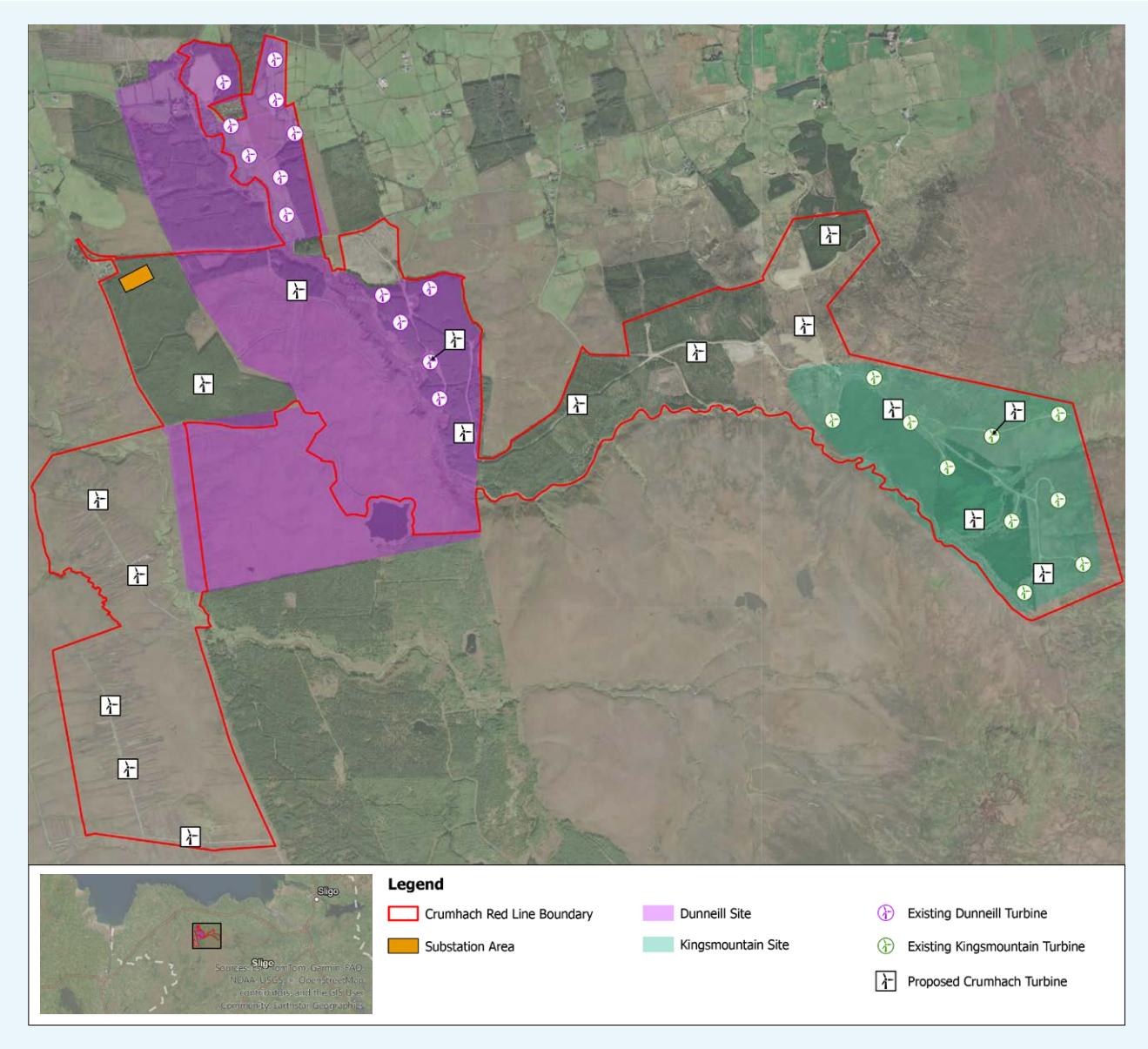
# Project Overview

In West Sligo, SSE has operated existing Kingsmountain Wind Farm since 2003, and the neighboring Dunneill Wind Farm since 2010. Together, both wind farms constitute over 36MW of clean energy, powering Irish homes and businesses and removing harmful carbon dioxide emissions from Ireland’s electricity fuel mix in addition to providing a significant economic boost to the region. Through the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm we are now seeking to secure and extend our over two-decade long presence in Sligo

The proposed Crumhach Wind Farm involves the redevelopment of the existing

Kingsmountain and Dunneill wind farm sites, along with new development on lands located between and to the west and south-west of these sites, including areas of Coillte-owned land. The project would see the existing turbines decommissioned and replaced, with on-site infrastructure such as access roads and grid connection equipment reused where possible.

In short, the proposed development is proposed to include the removal of 23 existing turbines (10 at Kingsmountain and 13 at Dunneill) and the construction of 17 new turbines across the site, along with a new on-site substation.



## Project Overview (continued)

The layout for Crumhach Wind Farm comprises 17 turbines, with a maximum tip height of 180m, with the proposed wind farm capable of generating up to 102MW of energy. In addition to the turbines themselves, the development comprises several principal components. These include hardstand areas and access roads, underground cables to transport the electricity to the substation, borrow pits for the sourcing of rock on site and spoil management areas. In addition, turbine delivery route upgrades, an on-site substation, and an underground electrical connection to the national electricity grid will be required.

This provides an opportunity for areas within and adjacent to the site to be used for other purposes, such as sustainable farming and biodiversity enhancement. SSE Renewables will implement its Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) policy, which is an approach to development that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was in pre-development. It focuses on the change in the biodiversity value of a site, comparing the pre and post construction biodiversity values to ensure a positive impact overall. SSE Renewables is committed to achieving BNG on onshore renewable energy sites consented from 2025 onwards.

## Grid Connection and Turbine Delivery Route

The proposed wind farm will connect to the national grid via the proposed onsite 110kV substation and a new grid connection route to the Srananagh 220kV substation in East Sligo. The project will also utilise the existing grid connection route to the Cunghill 110kV substation, south-east of the site. A separate planning application will be brought forward for the new grid connection route and will be designed in line with Eirgrid standards.

Turbine components will be delivered via the national and regional road network from Killybegs through Donegal and Sligo to the site. Traffic and transport impacts will be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment to be included with our planning application.

# Project Benefits

## Community

Over its operational lifetime, Crumhach Wind Farm will provide ongoing benefits to the local area, including an annual community benefit fund to support local initiatives and projects.

## Economic

The project will deliver meaningful benefits to the local and regional economy, including:

- The creation of approximately 80–100 jobs during construction and 2–3 long-term operational roles.
- Annual commercial rates contributions to Sligo County Council, supporting local services and infrastructure.
- Investment in the local economy through supply chain opportunities and indirect employment.

## Climate

Onshore wind projects such as Crumhach Wind Farm are also a key part of Ireland's transition to a cleaner, more sustainable energy system. The project will support Ireland's legally binding target of achieving net-zero emissions by no later than 2050 by providing a reliable, low-carbon source of electricity, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and enhancing energy security.

## Key Benefits



**Provide up to 102MW of green, renewable energy.**



**Investment in the local economy and communities.**



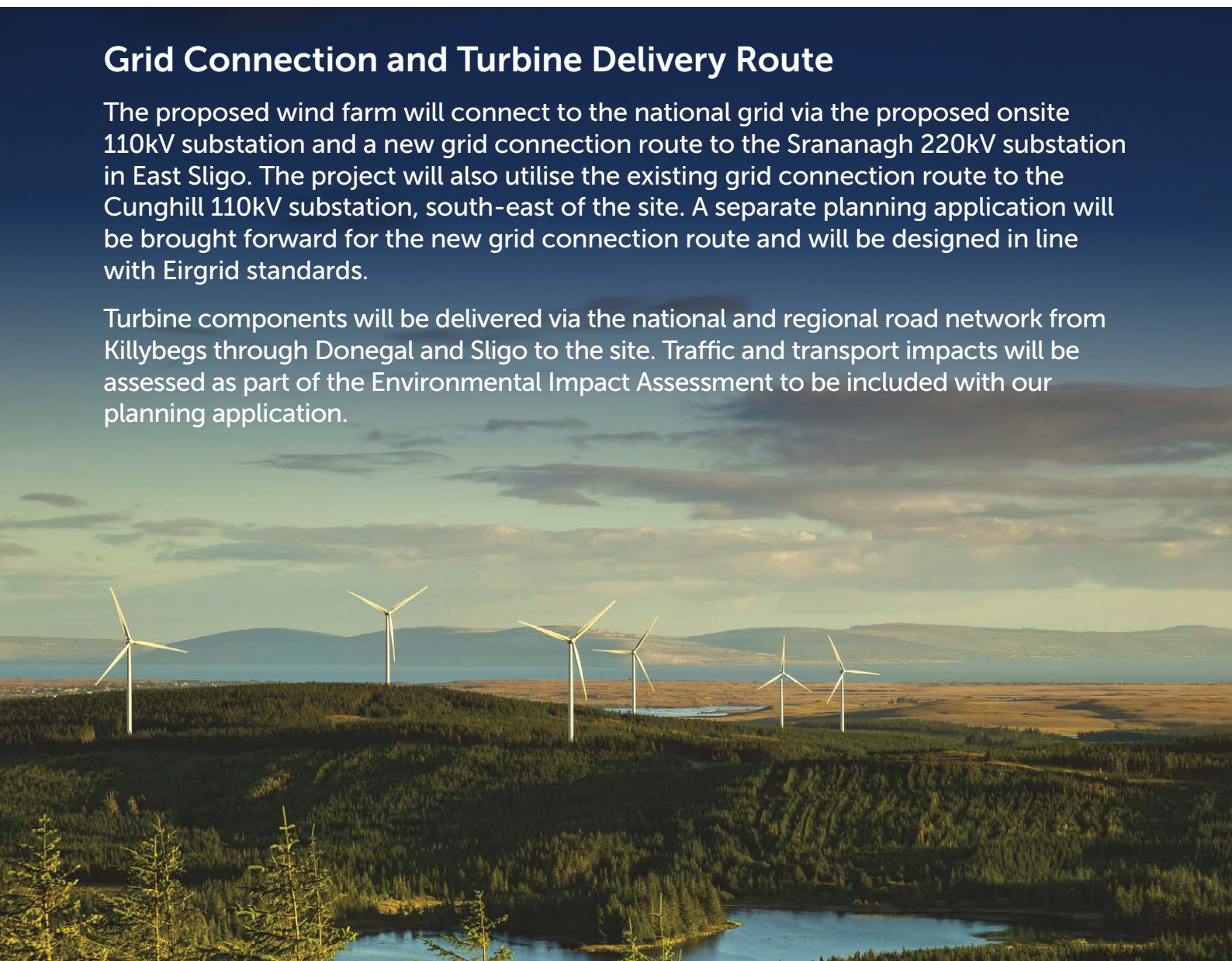
**Creation of approximately 80-100 jobs during the construction phase, with 2-3 jobs during the operational phase.**



**Contribute to Ireland's binding climate targets.**



**Annual community benefit fund which could be worth several hundred thousand euros per-annum.**



# Community Benefit Funding

If consented and constructed, Crumhach Wind Farm would include an associated community benefit fund anticipated to be worth several hundred thousand euros annually, implemented in accordance with government best practice.

SSE plans to conduct multiple local consultation events to disseminate information regarding this fund, adhering to government guidelines. These events would also facilitate the expression of interest from community members to join a community benefit fund committee. This committee will

be established to ensure the effective allocation of funding in alignment with community needs, with a primary focus on developing a community funding strategy consistent with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Since 2004, the voluntarily operated Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Benefit Fund has contributed over €650,000 to local groups. Over this period, the fund has supported communities in delivering sustainable, impactful projects that contribute to social, environmental and economic wellbeing.



Presentation of funding linked to the existing Kingsmountain and Dunneill Community Fund, which took place in the Old Schoolhouse, Templeboy in June 2024.

# Project Benefits

Through early and ongoing engagement, we have worked to ensure, where possible, that the views of the local community are reflected in the evolution of the Crumhach Wind Farm project. We would like to thank all those who have taken the time to engage with us, whether through direct conversations, emails and at our consultation events last summer / autumn. This input has been an important part of the project’s development to date.

As noted, we are now progressing towards the next stage of the process, with the intention of submitting a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála shortly. This will mark an important milestone for the project, and we look forward to continuing to keep the local community informed as the project progresses.

Outlined to the right is a project timeline for Crumhach Wind Farm indicating progress to date and next steps for the project.

### Indicative Timeline

- Initial outreach and door-to-door visit to near neighbours  
**April 2024**
- Environmental scoping with statutory and other consultees commences  
**September 2024**
- Meteorological Mast installed at Crowagh Bog  
**November 2024**
- Pre-Application Public Consultation  
**July-September 2025**
- Indicative Planning Submission Date  
**Q2 2026**
- Expected Planning Decision Date  
**2027**
- Construction Start Date  
**2029**
- Commercial Operations Date  
**2031**



# About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables is a leading developer and operator of renewable energy generation, focusing on onshore and offshore wind farms, hydro-electric power and flexible battery storage technologies. It is part of electricity infrastructure company SSE plc, a FTSE100 company with operations across the UK and Ireland, and a presence in carefully selected international markets. SSE Renewables delivers clean power assets to increase SSE's operational renewable generation capacity as part of the company's five-year investment plan to 2030. This includes delivery of the world's largest offshore wind farm in construction, the 3.6GW Dogger Bank Wind Farm. SSE Renewables operates some of the leading onshore wind farms in Ireland including the 174MW Galway Wind Park in Connemara and the 73MW Slieve Kirk Wind Park outside Derry City.

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