



Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering

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SSE in County Donegal

SSE has a longstanding presence in Donegal through both our Culliagh and Meentycat wind farms, with the former operational for over quarter of a century.

More recently, the neighbouring Lenalea Wind Farm finished construction in 2023, while Drumnahough Wind Farm, which is being developed in partnership with FuturEnergy Ireland, entered construction in January 2026.

Together, these wind farms all form part of our Donegal cluster of wind farms, powering Irish homes and businesses, supporting the local economy and making sure the benefits of renewable energy generation are shared locally via our community funds programme.



The proposed Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering

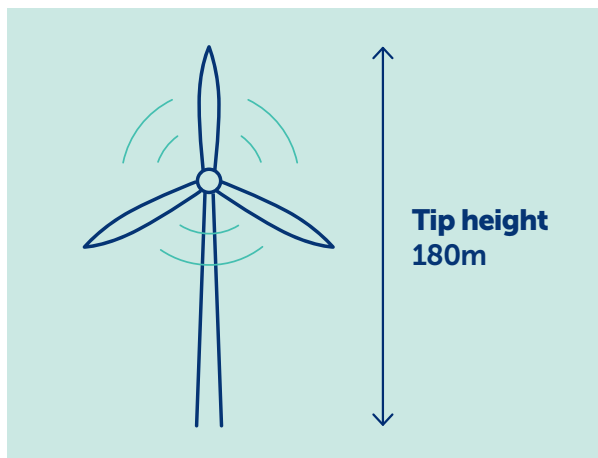
Culliagh Wind Farm's 18 turbines have been operational for over 25 years, while Meentycat Wind Farm was Ireland's largest wind farm when it became operational in 2004. Further extensions in 2009 brought the total number of turbines at Meentycat to 45, giving a combined total of 63 turbines across both sites.

Together, both wind farms provide over 100 MW of clean energy. To continue the generation of renewable energy at the Culliagh and Meentycat sites, and associated community funding, we are now examining the potential to repower these wind farms. We are also considering the addition of an onsite battery energy storage system (BESS) as part of this project.

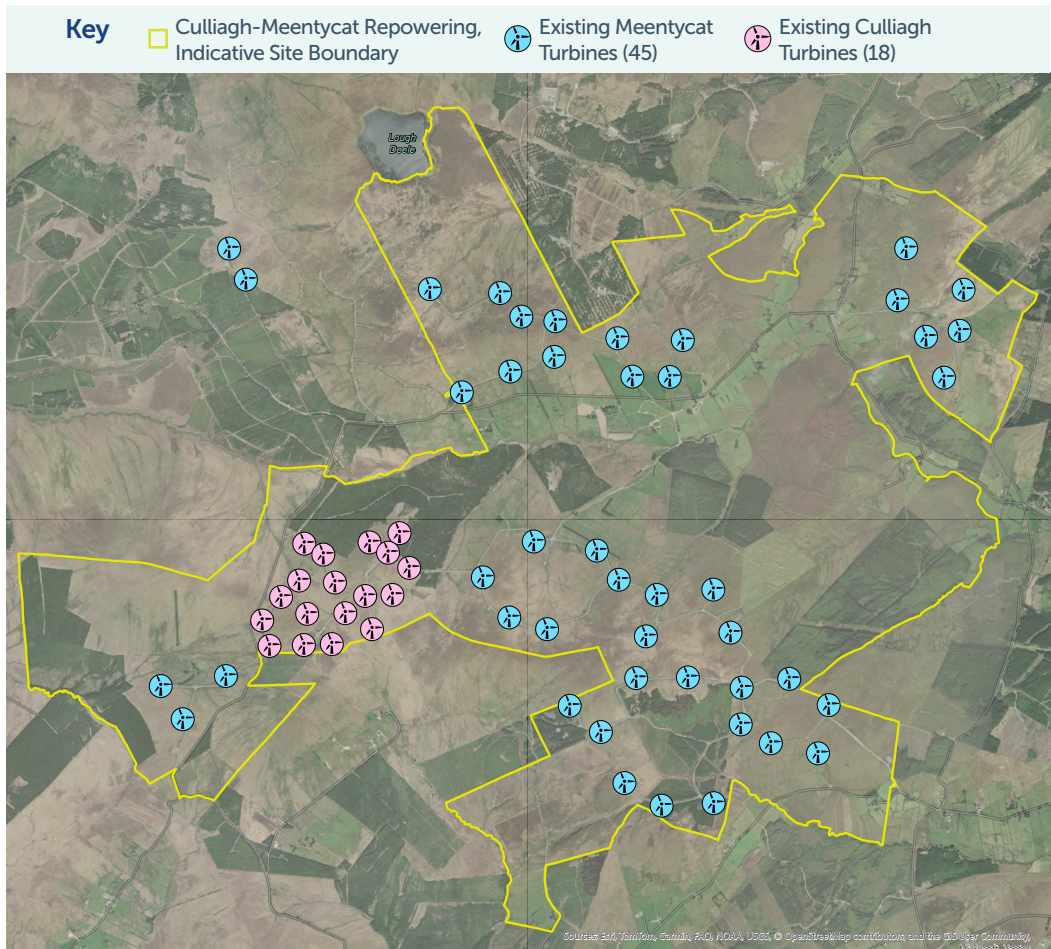
In short, repowering would involve dismantling and replacing turbine equipment, utilising as much existing

infrastructure as possible. Repowering these wind farms would also reduce the total number of wind turbines across both sites. In addition, repowering offers several benefits, including the continued productive use of existing wind farm sites, a significant increase in clean energy output, and is a more cost-effective alternative to new-build wind farms, thereby enhancing energy security.

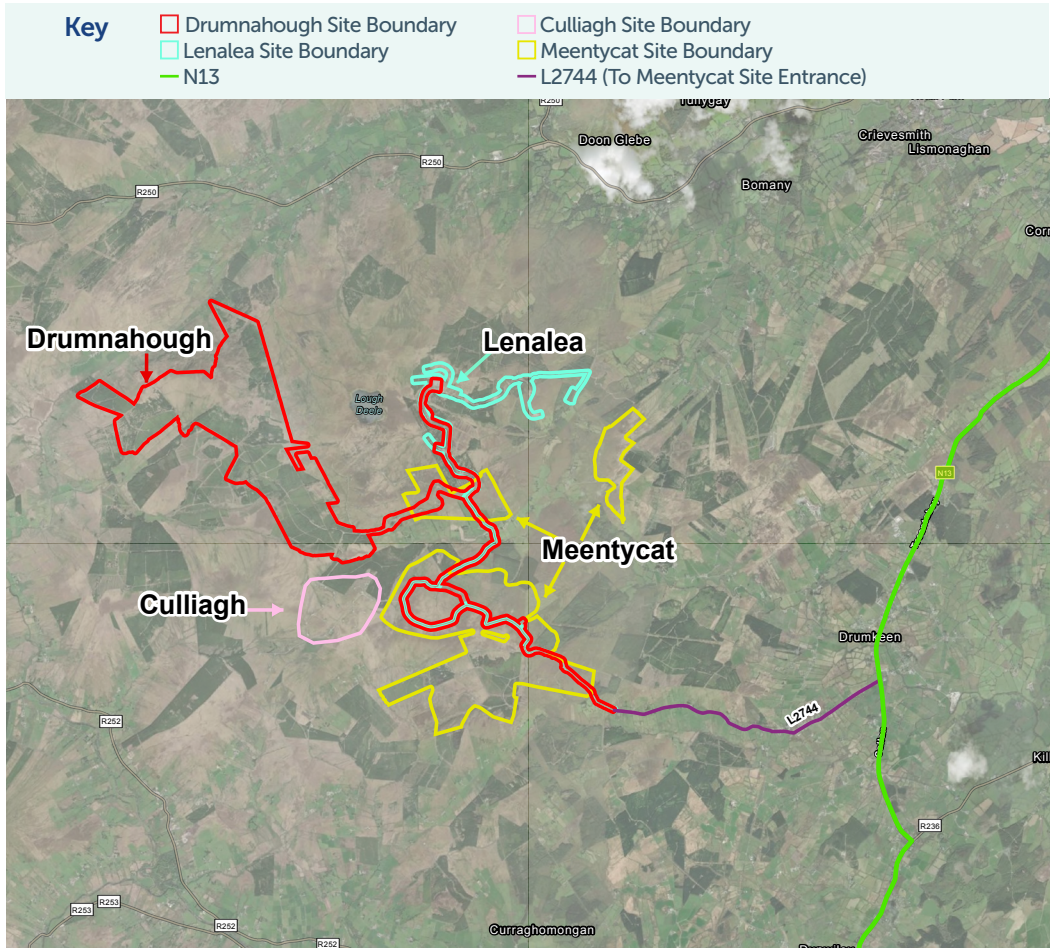
While the number and layout of turbines will be refined during the upcoming project design stages, the indicative turbine parameters being considered for the Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering include turbines with a tip height of 180m.



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Map 1: Indicative site boundary for the proposed Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering (yellow), with existing Culliagh Wind Farm (pink) and Meentycat Wind Farm (blue) turbines indicated. The number and layout of turbines for the new development will be refined during the upcoming project design stages.



Map 2: SSE's cluster of wind farms in Donegal, including Meentycat and Culliagh wind farms. Also included is Drumnahough Wind Farm, being developed alongside FuturEnergy Ireland and in construction since January 2026, and Lenalea Wind Farm which became operational in late 2023.

Community Benefit Fund

If consented and constructed, Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering would have an associated community benefit fund, implemented in line with government best practice.

The existing Culliagh and Meentycat Community Benefit Fund has already shared the value of renewable energy across the local community, with over €1.7 million distributed through 857 individual grant awards to local projects since 2007.

The community benefit fund linked to the proposed new project would represent a significant increase on the existing Culliagh and Meentycat Community Benefit Fund.

Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering would also be a significant contributor to commercial rates, building on the contribution our existing wind farms have already made to the local exchequer and helping to support improved infrastructure and services across County Donegal.



Our Focus

Through this proposed new development, we are looking to build on our twenty-five years of renewable energy generation at this location while supporting job creation and contributing to the economy in Donegal, all while working closely with our near neighbours and local stakeholders.

Our commitment is to engage inclusively with all stakeholders through open and early dialogue and design and build projects that contribute to sustainable local development, while supporting and strengthening community spirit.

Earlier this year, our Project Manager and Community Liaison Officer went door-to-door to visit near neighbours and introduce the project. We will issue regular communications via letters and newsletters throughout the development stage of Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering and aim to hold in-person community consultation evenings in the locality in late 2026.

Next Steps

- Begin scoping for Environmental Impact Assessment process.
- Continue environmental studies.
- Further information to be distributed to near neighbours and local stakeholders in the months ahead, alongside continued community engagement.
- In-person consultation events to take place in locality in late 2026.
- Indicative date for planning submission in early 2027.

Drumnahough Wind Farm

The separate Drumnahough Wind Farm project, which neighbours the proposed Culliagh-Meentycat Repowering site, is under construction since January 2026. This 58MW, 12-turbine project is being developed alongside our partners in FuturEnergy Ireland.

For the latest project updates, please visit www.drumnahough.com.



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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, off the coast of England.

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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