



# **Technical Appendix 3-4 Minutes of Meeting with Mayo County Council on 16.01.2025**

**EIAR – Volume 3**

**Muingmore Wind Farm**

SLR Project No.: 501.065301.00001

April 2026

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<b>Date:</b>	16 January 2025	<b>Time:</b>	11am	<b>Location:</b>	Online- Microsoft Teams
<b>Client:</b>	RWE Renewables		<b>SLR Project No.:</b>	501.065301.00001	
<b>Attendees</b>	Applicant Reps: Sean Galvin, Michael James, Cliona O’Sullivan (RWE), Gareth Hughes, Aislinn O’Brien, Donna Ryan, David Price, Carian Philips (SLR), Richard Barker (Macroworks), Mayo Co. Co. Reps: Martin McNamara, Brendan Munnely (SEP, DM), Grainne McConnell (Exec FP), John McMyler (Senior Planner).				

Item	Discussion Notes	Action By/ Owner
Introductions	<p>Reps for Mayo and client provided introductions for meeting attendees.</p> <p>SG gave summary of project to date, and how changes have been made to the proposal to reflect previous Mayo Co. Co. comments.</p>	
Pre-planning Presentation  LVIA (RB & SG)	<p>GH presented the powerpoint presentation, outlining the applicant, the proposed project, scoping responses, design iterations and survey work completed to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RB outlined sensitive nature of the site with broad /open topography and designated routes in close proximity.</li> <li>• Noted site is in a robust void between sensitive aspects.</li> <li>• Design was amended to sit further back from coastal road to reduce visual impact.</li> <li>• RB outlined that site is Tier 1, and given the terrain/landscape pattern, notwithstanding sensitive nature of surrounds, feel site can accommodate the wind farm without significant impact.</li> <li>• Proposed assess 20km radius with over 30 viewpoints and noted on a clear day the proposed development would be visible from north Achill in the background but is not considered a significant impact.</li> </ul>	
Mayo comment on LVIA  RB response	<p>SG noted turbines have been reduced from 14-13 and heights have been reduced from 200m to 180m to further reduce any impact.</p> <p>BM outlined previous permission refused due to visual impact from north Achill, c.8 yrs ago.</p> <p>RB was aware of decision and noted that site in question was more prominent than the subject site.</p>	
Policy & Legislation	<p>AOB outlined updates on policy &amp; legislation &amp; Section 15 responsibility.</p> <p>Presentation ended and GH offered opportunity for questions/comments.</p>	

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<p>Mayo Co. Co. Response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JMC Outlined how current Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) is out of date and not fit for purpose. They are well underway in compiling an updated version.</li> <li>• Regional Guidance is required to inform the revision of the RES which will likely take 12-18months. Mayo understand that the applicant cannot wait and need to move forward with the application.</li> <li>• Mayo Co. Co trying to work in vacuum in absence of regional guidance to update RES and deal with applications on case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Appreciation of landscape has changed within Mayo coco since existing RES was adopted. There is a more conservative view now.</li> <li>• Some preferred areas were politically motivated in existing RES and will likely be amended in new RES.</li> <li>• Light pollution policy for whole County is underway.</li> <li>• Protection of more recent designations such as Dark Skies, National Park and Wild Atlantic Way need to be balanced with permitted wind farms and proposed. Receiving a lot of activity for wind farms.</li> <li>• Mayo Co. Co. main focus is tourism and economic viability of County must be balanced with need to meet RE obligations. Mayo feel they are ahead of many Counties in meeting obligations, particularly in relation to wind farms.</li> <li>• Mayo Co. Co. not happy with the application and not comfortable to give green light at this stage. Not in favour from a visual point of view.</li> </ul>	
<p>Closing comments</p>	<p>SG LVIA key item and client will work with Marcworks to ensure any issues are addressed.</p> <p>SG queried if Mayo Co. Co. had any issue re: Roads.</p> <p>MMc outlined Mayo road reps could not attend. MMC outlined all points stand from scoping report</p> <p>SG outlined that this is the real deal and client wants to submit a robust application. The team will endeavour to address all issues raised as part of the application.</p>	
<p>ACTIONS</p>	<p>GH will issue presentation via Microsoft Teams Link and any queries will be addressed before we submit the planning application.</p> <p>Mayo coco will review the presentation and liaise with Roads. Any comments will be sent to GH.</p>	

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16 January 2025

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Agreed to by:

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Gareth Hughes

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