

# CROAGHAUN NEWSLETTER



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Our aim is to build responsible projects which are good for local communities, Ireland and Coillte.

**We have launched a dedicated Website [www.croaghaunwindfarm.ie](http://www.croaghaunwindfarm.ie) for this project. The website will provide all our project updates, ongoing activities, timelines, along with the option to ask us any questions you may have.**

Visit [www.croaghaunwindfarm.ie](http://www.croaghaunwindfarm.ie) and have a look.

Since May we have extended household engagement from a 1Km to 2Km radius from the proposed Project location. Shane, your local community liaison officer, has been busy meeting people introducing himself and the project. Shane has been working hard to keep everyone up-to-date and is available at any time during business hours. You will find his contact details at the end of this newsletter. Where necessary, out of hours meetings and calls can be facilitated by prior request.

The team from Fehily Timony, our environmental consultants, have completed their background noise monitoring campaign. This entailed placing monitors near houses to measure ambient noise levels over a 3-4 week period. This is required in order to ensure that the project conforms to development guidelines for wind farms.

A total of nine monitors were installed at locations selected to best represent noise levels for the area.

We would like to thank all those people and houses who have engaged in this part of the project to date.

**Did you know:** *The noise consultant has to discount the noise emitted by the existing turbines to establish the true background noise for the area. Wind farms are limited in the amount of noise they can emit above this lower background level.*

Other on-site activities include ongoing wind monitoring from the on site met mast, bat species identification and level of bat activity on site. Site walkovers are undertaken by Geologists, Ecologists and Landscape Architects who are all carrying out ongoing survey work for the project.

# INVITATION TO NEAR NEIGHBOUR WORKSHOPS

As a near neighbour to the proposed project we would like to **invite you to an exhibition in our Coillte offices, Ballintemple Nursery, Ardattin**. There you will see a comprehensive range of mounted photomontages and panoramic views from different locations around the proposed project which should give you good understanding of what the development could look like for a number of project layouts currently under consideration.

**This will be open from Thursday, October 24th through to Saturday, October 26th.**

Please drop in any time to meet Shane (CLO), Ashley (Project Manager) and some of our technical specialists who will answer any questions you may have.

Ample parking is available at our Ballintemple Nursery and please stay for refreshments after you have met the team.

## THE DESIGN PROCESS

This three day exhibition serves to present two proposed turbine layout plans. We would be grateful for your feedback on the layouts and the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment which is being carried out for this project.

Designing a wind farm is an iterative process. We are still in the very early stages of design and all layouts are subject to change following studies and community feedback.

### Upcoming events:

There will be further workshops on other specialist topics such as ecology, geology and noise coming up over the next few months on request by our local community.

We will keep you updated on events, dates and times as they are confirmed. All our information will be posted on [www.croaghaunwindfarm.ie](http://www.croaghaunwindfarm.ie)

### Did you know:

*Coillte's Nurseries produce 25 million bare rooted plants every year, most of which are used to renew our own forests.*

Our four nurseries are spread throughout the country and the 7 million plants not needed for our own planting and restocking are sold to other Irish forest companies, independent contractors or other agencies.

### Coillte's Ballintemple Nursery, Ardattin:

Is a large provider of seasonal and sustainable local employment in Co Carlow.



Location: Coillte's Offices, Ballintemple Nursery, Ardattin, Co Carlow.

Thursday 24th October 4pm – 8pm | Friday 25th October 4pm – 8pm | Saturday 26th October 11am – 3pm

Directions: Drive straight through Ardattin and keep the "Ardattin Inn" on your left following the road for Clonegal. Continue out that road for 4.2Km and you will see a sign on the right at a gentle bend "Coillte Nurseries, Ballintemple. Take the turn into the nursery and follow the road around for about 1.5Km to the very end. The exhibition/workshop is located in the second building on the left.

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