

# Celtic Interconnector

Community Forum – 22 June 2021



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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Celtic Community Forum - Next Steps

# Celtic Community Forum



# What will the Forum do?



1. Represent communities interests over the project lifetime.
2. Provide guidance to the project team and raise relevant community issues within the forum.
3. Oversee the implementation of Community Benefit.
4. Receive regular updates from EirGrid team members.



# The Celtic Community Forum



- High number of expressions of interest received.
- To achieve a balanced and fair representation across the project area we will move to a final nomination process.
- This nomination process will have as its aim to:
  - Convene a forum of no more than **15 community seats**. (Plus 4 Cllrs).
  - Represent geographical communities along the project route ensuring a voice for each local area.
  - Allocate seats proportionally based on a balance of proximity, interest and population.
- Final decision on distribution of seats will be made by the Chair, taking all views into account.

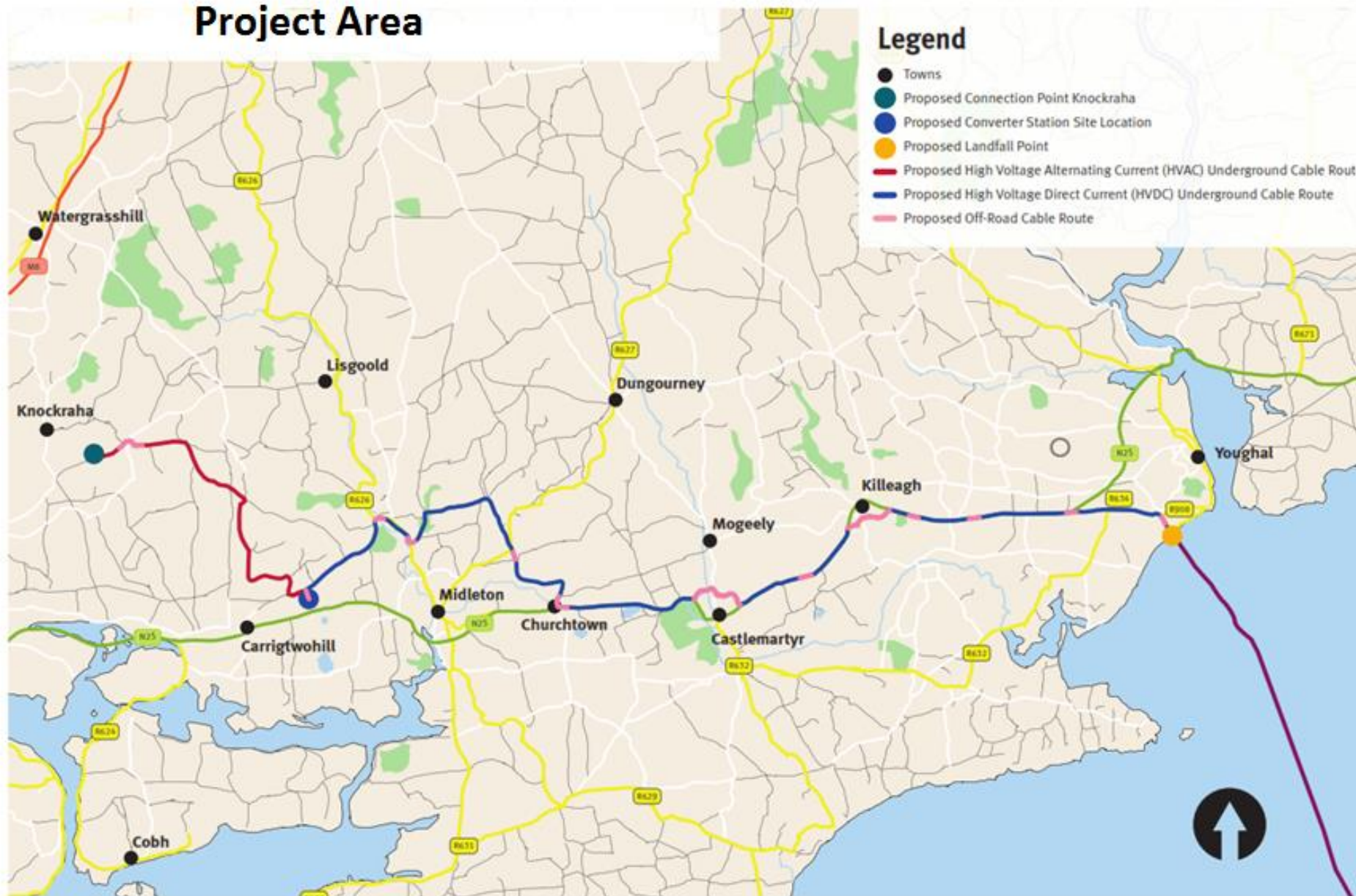




# Project Area

## Legend

- Towns
- Proposed Connection Point Knockraha
- Proposed Converter Station Site Location
- Proposed Landfall Point
- Proposed High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Underground Cable Route
- Proposed High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Underground Cable Route
- Proposed Off-Road Cable Route



**Please Note:** Cable jointing bays will be required at regular intervals along the cable route. Passing bays to facilitate traffic flow will also be installed at these locations as required.



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# Next Steps - Nominations

- **Proximity:** The community seat membership is open to representatives of non-profit organisations within 2km or less of the immediate project area.
- **PPN:** It is necessary for all representatives on the forum to be a registered organisation with the Cork County Public Participation Network (or have their registration form submitted at the time of nomination).
- **Single representative:** Where more than one 'Expression of Interest' has been received from a community organisation that organisation needs to nominate 1 representative ( 1 organisation = 1 representative).
- **Local cooperation:** Where more organisations have expressed an interest than seats available in any given area, the organisations may wish to come together to nominate a representative.
- **Substitution:** Organisations may wish to rotate/substitute their representatives as the forum progresses, this provides an opportunity to share responsibility and distribute involvement locally.

# Proposed Community Seat Allocation

As per the expressions of interest received the proposed initial seat allocation is :



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| Area           | Seat Name     | Proposed Allocation | Additional Allocation | Total |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| East Cork      | Youghal       | 1                   | 1 (landfall)          | 2     |
| East Cork      | Killeagh      | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
| East Cork      | Castlemartyr  | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
| East Cork      | Mogeely       | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
| East Cork      | Ballintotis   | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
| East Cork      | Churchtown    | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
| Cobh           | Carrigtwohill | 1                   | 1 (converter station) | 2     |
| Cobh           | Knockraha     | 1                   | 1 (substation)        | 2     |
| Offshore (NGO) | Offshore      | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
| Project Area   | PPN           | 1                   | 0                     | 1     |
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**Final two seats to be allocated based on the case made by nominees or by mutual agreement reached by local organisations.**



# Expressions of Interest Received



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| Seat Name                    | Allocation | Current Expressions of Interest  |
|------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>Youghal</b>               | 2          | Youghal Chamber of Tourism & Development<br>Youghal Blue & Green Community Network<br>32nd / 35th Youghal Scout Group<br>First Cut Youth Film Festival |
| <b>Killeagh</b>              | 1          | Killeagh Inch Community Council<br>Killeagh GAA<br>Glenbower Wood & Lake   |
| <b>Castlemartyr</b>          | 1          | Castlemartyr Community Council<br>Castlemartyr Businesses Group<br>Castlemartyr GAA  |
| <b>Mogeely</b>               | 1          | Mogeely Development Community Council<br>Imogeela Community Sports Hall CLG  |
| <b>Ballintotis</b>           | 1          | Ballintotis Area Community Council   |
| <b>Churchtown</b>            | 1          | Churchtown North Residents Group   |
| <b>Carrigtwohill</b>         | 2          | Carrigtwohill Community Council<br>Carrigtwohill and District Historical Society   |
| <b>Knockraha</b>             | 2          | Knockraha Area Community Council ( 6 EOIs received including 2 sub groups of KACA)   |
| <b>Offshore</b>              | 1          | Youghal Fishermen  |
| <b>PPN</b>                   | 1          | Cork County PPN  |
| <b>EOIs from other areas</b> | TBC        | Ballinakilla & Doneen Area<br>Bishop Ahern NS Board of Management - Leamlara   |
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**We encourage groups to work together before submitting nominees.**

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**May make a case for a relevant seat**

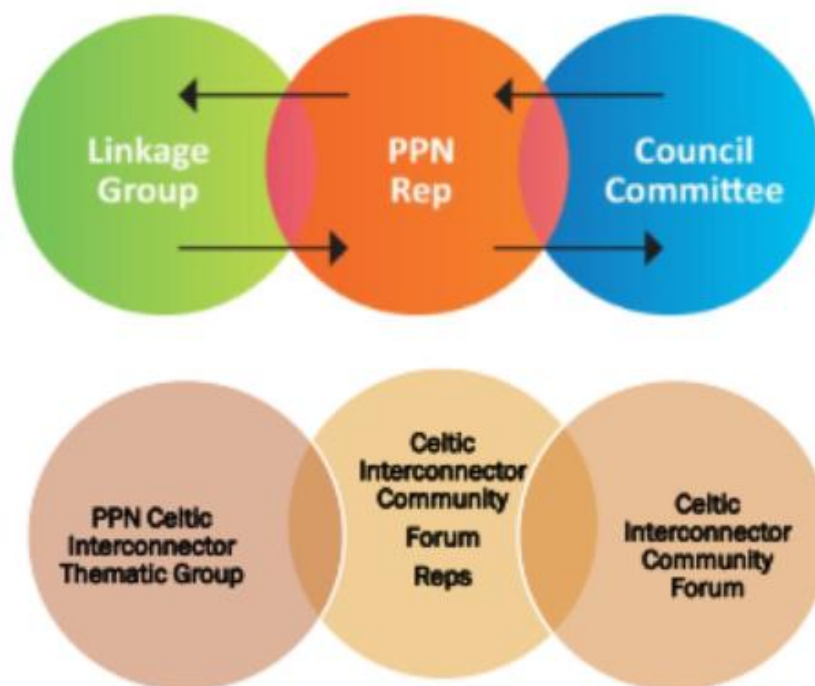


# Thematic Groups



Cork County  
**Public  
Participation  
Network**

Lionra Rannpháirtíochta Poiblí  
Contae Chorcaí



## AIM: GIVE A VOICE TO THE COMMUNITY

A broad open space to give input into the Community Forum via the reps

Promote the Community not self-interest

Elect a PPN rep to sit on the Community Forum

Open to all PPN groups in the Cobh and East Cork Municipal Districts (MDs)

Meet monthly - Zoom + Open space to talk- Salesforce Chatter

**First meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July @7pm**

SECOND MEETING: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August @7pm

REGISTER TO JOIN PPN: [www.corkcountypn.ie](http://www.corkcountypn.ie)

Contact: Sandy McGroarty [ppn@corkcoco.ie](mailto:ppn@corkcoco.ie)

# What if I am not a member of the forum?

- You will still receive project updates from your local community representative and EirGrid.
- You will still have access to the EirGrid Community Liaison Officer.
- You will still have access to availing of the Community Benefit.
- You will still be consulted on the development of the Community Benefit strategy.
- You can still feed into the work of the forum through the forum members in your area and the Public Participation Network.



# Next steps and how to submit your nominations.

- Nomination form:  
[www.eirgrid.ie/celticinterconnector](http://www.eirgrid.ie/celticinterconnector)
- Closing date: 26 July
- 1<sup>st</sup> Forum Meeting: September 2021
- Next meeting agenda items to be sent to  
[michelle.walsh@eirgrid.com](mailto:michelle.walsh@eirgrid.com) or  
[james@irishrurallink.ie](mailto:james@irishrurallink.ie).



## Questions and Discussion



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