

17/10/2023

# Celtic Interconnector Community Forum Meeting

Tuesday 17 October



# Housekeeping

- Meeting is recorded
- Microphones off when others are speaking
- Rename yourself with Name/ Organisation (if representing one)
- Raise hand to speak



# Agenda

- Previous Minutes
- Community Forums and Terms of Reference
- Project Update
  - Trenching and Ducting Work in Public Roads
  - Timeline
- Community Benefit Update
- Stakeholder Communication
- Other Updates



# Previous Minutes

Sign off minutes from July meeting.



# Community Forums



# Purpose

## Purpose of the Community Forum

The purpose of the forum is to ensure that stakeholder and community views are understood and properly considered prior to and **during project delivery**. The group will provide a forum or dialogue between stakeholders with interests in the project and the project team.

<https://www.eirgridgroup.com/site-files/library/EirGrid/Celtic-Interconnector-Community-Forum-Terms-of-Reference.pdf>



# Terms of Reference

The Community Forum serves to bring together key stakeholders in the community to:

- (a) Represent the views of their organisation or community in relation to the project and its proposals;
- (b) Consider the project and provide guidance on local needs and priorities;**
- (c) Assist in enabling the resolution of local issues resulting from the project in a timely manner.**
- (d) Support the project team in identifying local sources of information and analysis, strategies and proposals which may impact on, or need to be taken account of during project delivery;**
- (e) Provide feedback at key stages in the delivery of the project
- (f) Facilitate a 'local voice' and communicate information to a wider group of regional and local stakeholders.**



# Project Update

## Cable Works

- Ground investigation works have commenced.
- The cable route works will be completed in sections.
- Stakeholder communication will precede works in each section.
- Works to commence 1st November from Knockraha and will progress to Youghal.

## Claycastle Landfall

- Main works to commence in 2025.

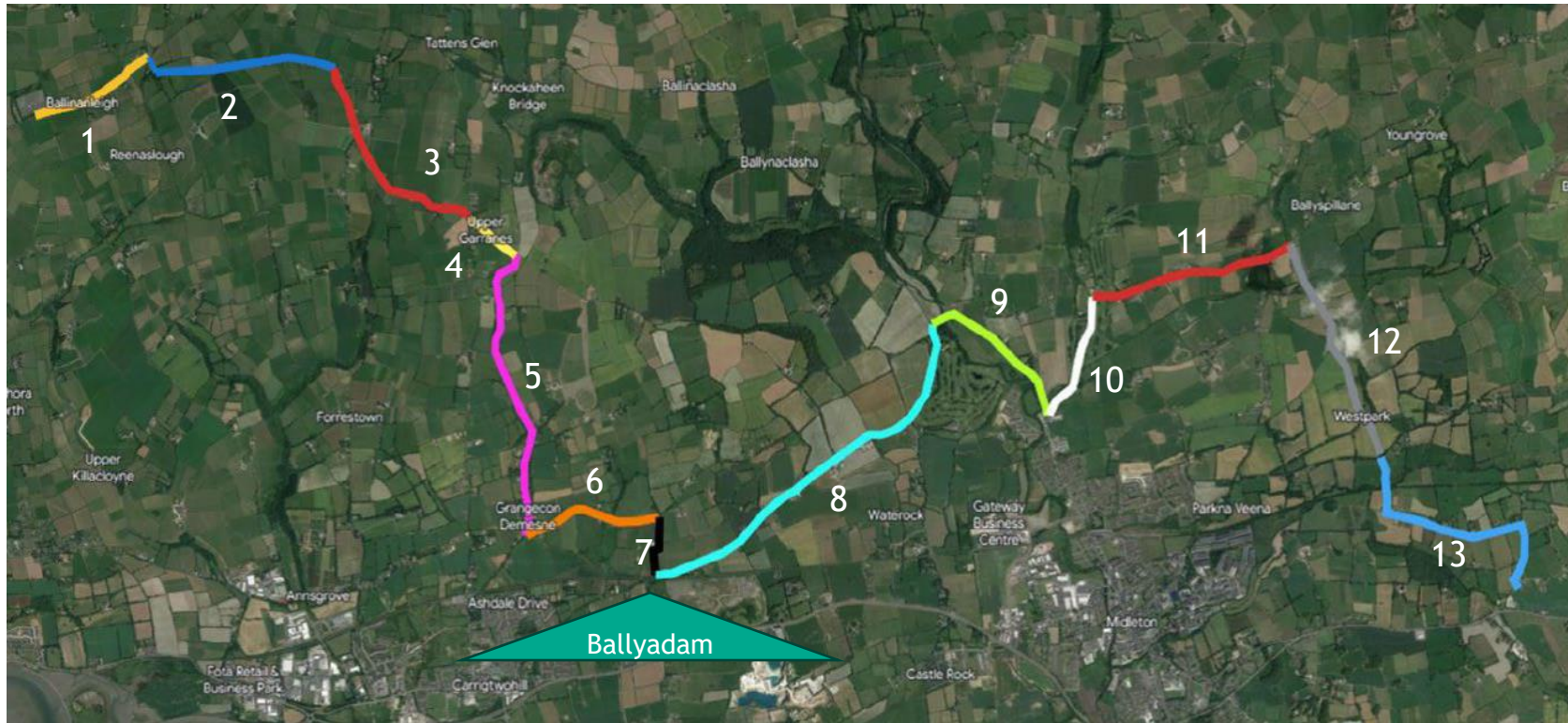
## Ballyadam Converter Station

- Enabling works have commenced.





# Trenching and Ducting Works in Public Roads



Section	Start Date	Finish Date	Status	
1	31 October 2023	15 December 2023	License issued	Knockraha Substation to the junction with New Line
2	04 December 2023	16 February 2024	License application made	Knockraha towards Garranes – L76321
4	06 November 2023	8 December 2023	License issued	Upper Garranes - L7634
5	04 December 2023	22 March 2024	License application made	Woodstock Hill - Carrigtwohill – L-3606

# Timeline

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2023



Design (Cable and Converter Station).

Manufacturing of Irish AC cable.

Preparation works for HVAC and HVDC land cables in Ireland.

Commencement of trenching and ducting works for HVAC and HVDC land cables in Ireland.

Converter station civil works commencement.

2024



Completion of trenching and ducting works for HVAC and HVDC land cables.

Commencement of installation and jointing of HVAC and HVDC land cables.

Converter station installations progress.

2025



Commencement of offshore marine cable installation.

Completion of installation and jointing of HVAC and HVDC land cables.

Converter station installation continues

2026



Completion of offshore marine cable installation.

Submarine cable protection campaigns.

Commissioning tests.

Interconnector system tests.

Trial operation period commences.



# Community Benefit Fund

- The deadline for applications for the first phase of the Celtic Interconnector Community Benefit Fund has now closed.
- Applications are currently undergoing an evaluation process by an independent panel.
- Announcement regarding projects successful in achieving funding is expected before Christmas 2023.



# Stakeholder Communication

Sorensen Liaison Officer	EirGrid Community Liaison Officer
Elaine Cronin 086 032 6171	Michelle Walsh 085 870 4999
<i>When are works commencing on my road? I need access to an address on a closed road? When are you finishing on my road?</i>	<i>When will the landfall works commence? What is the overall project timeline?</i>

Cable Works Information Days			
Monday	October 23rd	3pm - 8pm	Knockraha Community Hall
Wednesday	October 25th	1pm - 7pm	Carrigtwohill Community Centre

- Subscribe to the FREE Text update service by texting INTER to 50015.
- Register to receive the Celtic Interconnector Community Newsletter by emailing [celticinterconnector@eirgrid.com](mailto:celticinterconnector@eirgrid.com)
- Go to the 'What's Happening Now' page on the EirGrid Project Page <https://www.eirgridgroup.com/the-grid/projects/celtic-interconnector/whats-happening-now/>



# Other Updates

<https://www.marei.ie/project/public-engagement-with-energy-transitions-in-an-era-of-climate-crisis/>



- Work continues with the STEPS team as they complete an impartial analysis of EirGrid’s evolving public engagement processes using different methods.
- There will be future opportunities for FORUM members to participate in this project and involve their community.



- Members of the projects’ engagement team met with our French communities last week to discuss common themes for all Celtic Interconnector communities and explore possibilities for future inter community cooperation.

*Picture with members of the RTE engagement and communications team and Maire of Cléder.*

Questions?