



The Grid West Project Public Consultation - Stage 1

The Grid West Project - Electricity Transmission Scheme in the West of Ireland

EirGrid is the state-owned independent electricity transmission system operator and market operator in Ireland.

It is EirGrid's role to develop quality connection, transmission and market services to electricity generators, suppliers and customers utilising the high voltage electricity system.

Grid25 is EirGrid's plan to develop and upgrade the electricity transmission network from now until 2025. The Grid West project will deliver 21st century energy infrastructure to the west of Ireland.

By connecting the electricity generated by the region's renewable energy resources, the Grid West project will facilitate significant job creation and investment. It will contribute to national recovery and growth while at the same time allowing the region to attract inward investment that requires a strong reliable source of power.

The project initially consists of a new high capacity power circuit linking Bellacorick, Co. Mayo, to a strong point on the national grid. Based on the region's huge renewable potential it is envisaged that, in time, the project will involve two high capacity power lines from Bellacorick, Co. Mayo to both Cashla in Co. Galway and Flagford in Co. Roscommon. The pace at which a second line will be installed is dependent on a number of factors including the speed at which further renewable energy generation is developed in the region.

It is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged with the relevant planning authority in 2015.

EirGrid is following a comprehensive consultation roadmap which will ensure that the views of the public and other stakeholders are heard over the course of the project. At this first stage of the process we have published the proposed study area for this project and are seeking input from the public in relation to the study area. As part of this process we are holding an initial series of open days which will give members of the public an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide feedback to our project team.

The first stage of public consultation focusing on the proposed study area is taking place over a period of 8 weeks from **4th May to 6th July 2012**.

THE OPEN DAYS WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE

Kiltane GAA Club, Bangor Erris, Co. Mayo, 1pm - 8pm

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE

Downhill Hotel, Ballina, Co. Mayo, 1pm - 8pm

THURSDAY, 14 JUNE

Corrlea Court Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway, 1pm - 8pm

FRIDAY, 15 JUNE

Border, Midland and Western Regional Assembly Office,
The Square, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon, 1pm - 8pm

Proposed Study Area



A Grid West project information office will open shortly in Linenhall Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo and further open days will be held as the project develops. Regular updates will be provided through local media and on the dedicated website:

www.eirgridprojects.com/projects/gridwest

You can contact the project team directly by calling the lo-call number **1890 94 08 02** which will be open Monday-Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm (excluding bank holidays) or by email to gridwest@eirgrid.com

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