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FuturEnergy Ireland is exploring the potential for a renewable energy development in Co. Cavan. The study area for Brackley Wind Farm is located west of the existing Corneen Wind Farm, approximately 5km northwest of Ballyconnell, 3.5km southeast of Swanlinbar in Co. Cavan and 1.5km north of Bawnboy.

Project update

Since we issued Newsletter 1 in January 2026, our Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) have been answering emails, taking phone calls, and listening to feedback by calling door-to-door to answer your questions.

We have also posted Frequently Asked Questions on www.brackleywindfarm.ie. If you would like to discuss these in more detail or prefer a hard copy, please contact our CLOs whose details are at the back of this newsletter.





View from N87 across Brackley Lough

Initial turbine layout

Guided by a desk-based analysis and supported by a comprehensive suite of detailed surveys, the draft layout (right), which consists of 14 wind turbines, has been designed to take into account all identified constraints and align with industry guidance and best practice. The final design is subject to change as we adapt to the results of ongoing field studies. This will be shared with the community in the next communication.

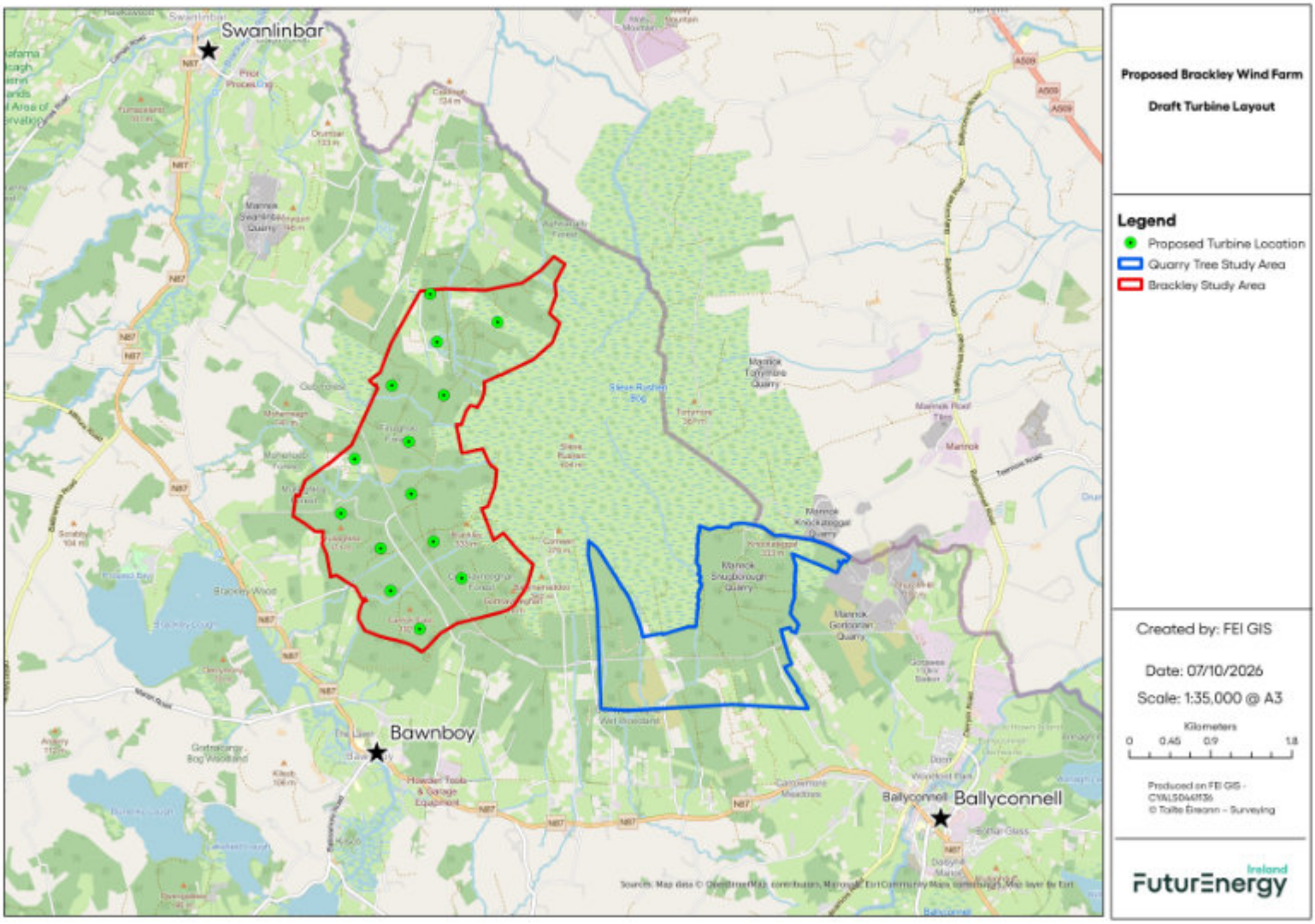
The location of site infrastructure, such as site roads, crane hardstands and the substation, will be developed following the completion of the final layout. This will reflect the iterative design process and include any changes required following completion of all site surveys, investigations and analysis. It will also incorporate community and general stakeholder feedback where possible and form the basis of the planning application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).



Environmental surveys and studies

The environment is extremely important to us. An extensive programme of studies and surveys undertaken by specialists will inform the final design and ensure that the wind farm respects local ecology and the surrounding environment. The following field studies are underway and progressing well. A more detailed update will be provided in the next newsletter.

- Biodiversity
- Ornithology
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Geology and Soils
- Noise
- Archaeology & Cultural Heritage
- Telecommunications, mobile and television
- Traffic and Transport
- Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping and Consultation



Draft design: map illustrating the site boundary and a preliminary turbine layout

Community benefits

Brackley Wind Farm has the potential to bring positive benefits to local communities. These include a significant Community Benefit Fund, local authority rates contributions and an opportunity to enhance existing recreation in the area.

What is a Community Benefit Fund?

Under the Government's the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS), all participating developers must set up a mandatory Community Benefit Fund for successful projects.
A key feature of the RESS fund is that the local community participates in all decisions regarding funding allocation. This places the community at the heart of the decision-making process. The Sustainable Energy Authority (SEAI) has a support, oversight and compliance role across all RESS funds.





How much is the fund?

The size of the Community Benefit Fund is determined by the amount of electricity generated by the wind farm. This ensures the community will see tangible benefits from hosting a wind farm.

In practice, the fund value is calculated whereby for each megawatt hour (MWh) of electricity produced, the project owner must contribute €2 into a community fund for the RESS contract period i.e., the first 15 years of operation. In addition, FuturEnergy Ireland commits to a further €1/MWh for the remaining lifetime of the wind farm.

The calculation of the total fund for any project depends on the number of turbines, the capacity factor and the total production of electricity in any given year. Current estimates for the proposed Brackley Community Benefit Fund are between €10 - €12 million over the life time of the wind farm.

When the wind farm layout and turbine numbers have been finalised, an update on the Community Benefit Fund amount will be shared in the next newsletter.

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What can the community fund be used for?

Government guidelines stipulate that some of the fund should go towards those who live near the project, which is why a proportion is designated for "near neighbour" payments.

As set out in the RESS guidelines, the wider community will benefit from access to funding for projects which meet the UN Sustainable Goals such as education, climate action, energy efficiency, biodiversity, recreation, culture and heritage. There are also provisions made for sports clubs and societies.

For residents in the Brackley Wind Farm area, these funds would offer huge opportunities for strategic projects such as building local community facilities, home retrofit schemes or tourism upgrades. The scope for a community vision backed by reliable funding can help make rural regeneration a reality.

For more details on RESS funds, please refer to the Government's **RESS Community Benefit Fund Rulebook**, which can also be downloaded from **www.brackleywindfarm.ie**



Working together: Future Energy Ireland and Galetech Energy Developments

Galetech Energy Developments is also developing a wind energy project, on the same ridge in parallel with Brackley Wind Farm. The proposed development, Quarry Tree, is located approximately 2.5km northwest of Ballyconnell.

Due to the close proximity, we have agreed to work closely together in the completion of surveys and studies. Galetech is distributing a second newsletter at the same time as this communication.

To help ensure a coordinated and consistent approach, the same planning consultant is preparing separate planning consent applications for both wind farms. While each project will be assessed on its own merits, this collaborative approach supports good coordination of technical assessments and community engagement.

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Our Commitment to You

Our aim is to develop responsible renewable energy projects in a way that respects the local community and environment. From the outset, we will place a fundamental focus on inclusion and partnership with stakeholders.

The Brackley project team will keep the community informed as updates become available, respond to phone calls and emails, and organise one-to-one meetings and community clinics as the design and layout evolves. We will also upload all information onto the project website www.brackleywindfarm.ie

We welcome your feedback and engagement. If you wish to speak to a member of the team or would like to be included in future updates, please use the contact details on this newsletter.

In addition to the specific engagements noted above, our CLOs are available throughout all stages to discuss any queries or concerns.

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Next steps

Sometimes, for reasons beyond our control, timelines may change. If this should happen, we will keep the community informed through letter-drops and via the project website.

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- Distribution of Newsletter 2 with a draft turbine layout.
- Community engagement continues with the Community Liaison Officers calling to houses to discuss the project.
- Detailed environmental and engineering studies continue.

Winter 2026/2027

- Distribution of a detailed project brochure to residents within 2km of the site, political representatives, key stakeholders and those who have registered interest. Brochure uploaded to the website.
- Virtual Tour goes live on the website, which includes a full set of photomontages.
- Local community engagement clinic takes place.
- CLO door-to-door engagement continues.

Spring 2027

- Planning application target.

Contact us

We welcome your feedback and engagement. For all information issued about the proposed Brackley Wind Farm, including FAQs and project updates, please visit www.brackleywindfarm.ie.

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