

Dear Homeowner,

As you may be aware, DP Energy, have actively been exploring a wind farm development opportunity close to Aghagower, County Mayo.

Our community engagement team are in contact with many community groups in the area and as part of our ongoing engagement we are posting this newsletter to people living in the vicinity of the proposed Lyra Wind Farm project. This is our first newsletter for the Lyra Wind Farm project and you will find an introduction to who DP Energy are, a detailed overview of all aspects of the Lyra Wind Farm project and our teams contact details.

As the project progresses, we hope to make all community members aware of each stage of development and would welcome your input and comments. Our team will address any queries that you may have, and we are also committed to provide you with all the information you may need in order to fully understand the details of the proposed Lyra Wind Farm. Please be assured that we will continue to share and provide all relevant information with residents and community members using a combination of online, face to face and printed materials.

Introduction to DP Energy

As one of Ireland's leading developers of renewable energy projects, head-quartered in Cork and operating across the world, we are committed to using the most sustainable and environmentally responsible methods possible in all our energy developments. With a global reputation spanning over 30 years, we develop, construct and have operated renewable energy assets worldwide since our first onshore wind farm project, Bessy Bell in Co. Tyrone, which was delivered in 1993.

The company is led by co-founders Maureen and Simon De Pietro – a mother and son partnership. They are supported by a team of highly experienced engineers, planning experts, project managers, environmental managers, financial, legal, and technical experts. DP Energy develops utility-scale renewable energy projects across varied technologies (wind, solar, ocean energy and storage) in a number of jurisdictions – Ireland, Australia, Canada, and the UK.

Why Onshore Wind?

Onshore wind energy provides a clean, sustainable solution to our energy problems. It can be used as an alternative to our dependency on fossil fuels in generating electricity, without the direct emission of greenhouse gases.

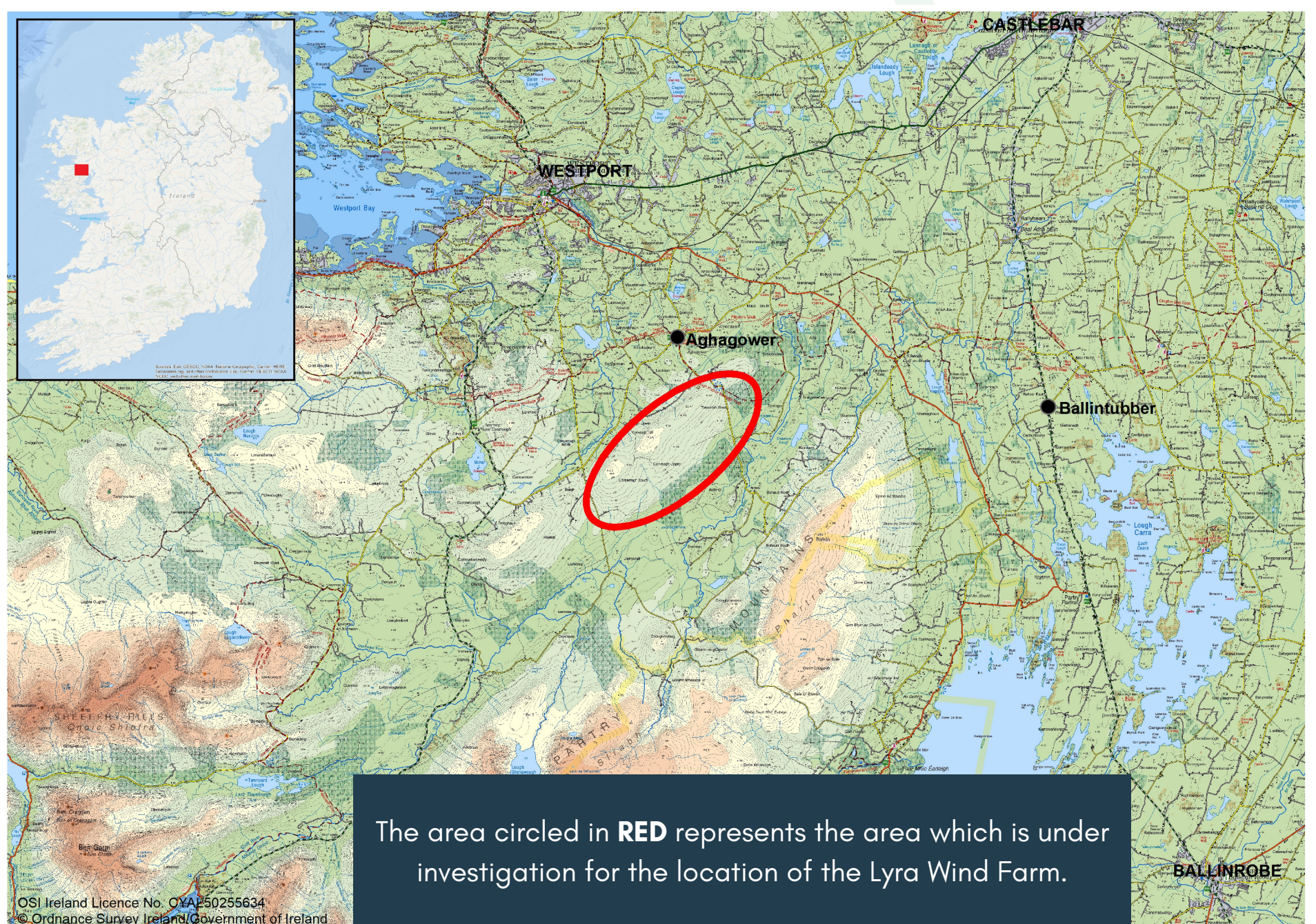
The Irish Government has committed that 80% of all electricity will be generated from renewable sources by 2030; that carbon emissions will be reduced by 51% by 2030, and that the country will achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The future development of renewable energy sources with onshore wind is vital to achieve Ireland's strategy, to tackle the challenges of combating climate change and ensuring a secure electricity and energy supply now and for future generations. Now more than ever, communities want to be a part of a positive change in Ireland's renewable energy landscape.

Location

The total development area comprises of approximately 1500 acres located in the communities of Liscarney, Aghagower, Ayle and Killavally Co. Mayo. The site is approximately 7km southeast of the town of Westport, and 2.2km southeast of Aghagower Village and 9.5km west of Ballintubber Village.

The area under investigation is situated in the townlands of Cordarragh South, Corveagh Upper and Teevinish West. Much of the proposed turbine area is located at an elevation of between 100m and 200m above sea level.

As an operating wind farm occupies a relatively small portion of an overall site area, approximately 4% footprint, many of the existing land uses can co-exist such as commercial forestry, farming, recreation, and biodiversity management.



Project Description and Current Status

At this stage of development, the Lyra Wind Farm project has a potential capacity of up to 100 MW of clean renewable power. Until investigative surveys and environmental assessments are complete this figure is an indicative capacity amount.

A meteorological mast has been installed recently to monitor wind speed and direction while also recording meteorological conditions on site. The meteorological mast is a 65m pole like structure with associated instruments attached and will remain on site for a minimum of 15 months. The meteorological mast is located within the townland of Corveagh Upper.

Multiple survey works have already begun with ornithological surveys underway since March 2021. The wind turbine area is free from any Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, and Natural Heritage Areas. Discussions are ongoing with landowners and stakeholders located within the townlands, while land agreements have already been secured with several private landowners.

The wind turbine model for this project has not yet been decided but early indications suggest turbines with a 180m to 200m tip height with each having an individual power output of between 5 and 6 MW.

Furthermore, the wind farm will likely connect to the Irish grid network at Westport. This connection will be through an underground cable running along a public road route. Different route selections are currently under consideration.

Community Engagement

The future development of onshore wind is vital to achieving Ireland's energy strategy, to tackle the challenges of combating climate change while also ensuring a secure electricity and energy supply now and for future generations. Now more than ever, communities want to be a part of a positive change in Ireland's renewable energy landscape



The Lyra Wind Farm project has the potential to bring significant positive benefits to local communities in Mayo. Through RESS (Renewable Electricity Support Scheme), all projects must establish a Community Benefit Fund that must be used for the social, economic, and environmental wellbeing of the local community. Please find an outline of the RESS Community Benefit Fund at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/36d8d2-renewable-electricity-support-scheme/>.

If the Lyra Wind Farm project is successfully constructed, DP Energy will work with the communities to establish a local committee and administration, to plan and manage the community benefit fund. In the meantime, please contact Lisa Enright to discuss your ideas for potential projects.



Your Stakeholder and Community Liaison Contact for the Lyra Wind Farm



Lisa Enright | DP Energy's Stakeholder and Community Liaison Manager

Phone: +353 87 634 5691

Email: lyrawindfarm@dpenergy.com

Website: www.lyrawindfarm.com

Alternatively, you can send a letter to:
Lisa Enright, DP Energy.
Mill House, Castlelands,
Buttevant, Co. Cork,
P51 TN35



We would encourage and welcome your input and comments on what you have read. If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive updates by post or email, please let us know.