

**ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (as amended)**

**SECTION 5 - DECLARATION ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER**

Order No:

PL/23/26

Reference Number:

DED 981

Name of Applicant:

Natural Forces Renewable Energy Limited

Agent:

N/A

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the proposed development consisting of the following works; *the construction of a 20kv cable route to connect the permitted Kilcash Wind Turbine Project (granted under Planning Ref: PD/23/60142) to the national grid via 507 m of overhead line and 985 m of underground cable, ducting and associated connection work at Kilcash, Co. Roscommon, is or is not development and is or is not exempted development:*

**AND WHEREAS** Roscommon County Council, in considering this application, had regard particularly to:

- (a) Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended)
- (b) Schedule 2, Part 1, Class 26 and Class 27 of the of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, (as amended)
- (c) Article 6 and 9 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, (as amended)
- (d) The record forwarded to Roscommon County Council in accordance with subsection (6)(c) of Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- (e) The planning history of the site.

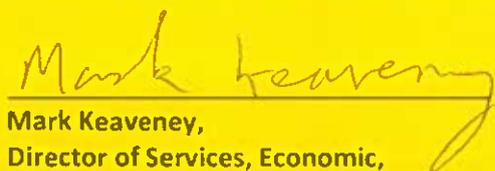
**AND WHEREAS** Roscommon County Council has concluded that:

- (a) The works outlined above are development.
- (b) The proposed development individually and in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect on European sites and that the requirement for AA does apply with respect to the current case. It is concluded that either alone or in combination with other plans/projects potential impacts on European Sites cannot be ruled out and Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required.
- (c) Therefore, in accordance with Section 4(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended), the said works cannot avail of any exemptions that might otherwise be available under the Act or under the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, (as amended).

**NOW THEREFORE:**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Acts 1925 – 2024 and Section 5(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the various submissions and reports in connection with the application described above, it is hereby declared that the proposed development consisting of the *construction of a 20kv cable route to connect the permitted Kilcash Wind Turbine Project (granted under Planning Ref: PD/23/60142) to the national grid via 507 m of overhead line and 985 m of underground cable, ducting and associated connection work at Kilcash Co. Roscommon, is development and is not exempted development as defined within the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and associated Regulations.*

Signed:

  
Mark Keaveney,  
Director of Services, Economic,  
Planning & Physical Development.

Date: 20 February, 2026.

**ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000, (as amended)**  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001, (as amended)**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDER DETERMINING**  
**APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT SCREENING**

Order No: PC/213/26

Reference Number: DED 981

Name of Applicant: Natural Forces Renewable Energy Limited

Agent: N/A

Nature of Proposed development: Application for a Declaration under Section 5 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) regarding proposed development consisting of the construction of a 20kv cable route to connect the permitted Kilcash Wind Turbine Project (granted under Planning Ref: 23/60142) to the national grid via 507 m of overhead line and 985 m of underground cable, ducting and associated connection work at

Location of Development: Kilcash, Co. Roscommon  
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**WHEREAS:** I have considered the requirements of the Birds Directive 79/409/EEC and the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC and Part XAB of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended); and,

**WHEREAS:** A Screening for Appropriate Assessment has been carried out to assess whether the proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have significant effects on a European Site; and,

**WHEREAS:** I have read and examined the Screening for Appropriate Assessment report of the planner and generally agreed with the conclusion; and,

**WHEREAS:** I have concluded following an assessment of the proposed development and any potential relationships with European Sites, that either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, that the potential for significant effects on Natura 2000 sites cannot be objectively excluded.

**IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED:** By virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Acts, 1925 – 2024, and the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment would be required,

**I HEREBY ORDER:** That this determination and the attached screening report be made available for public inspection at the Planning Office of Roscommon County Council during office hours and on Roscommon County Council web site [www.roscommoncoco.ie](http://www.roscommoncoco.ie) as part of Planning Application DED 981.

Signed:   
Mark Keaveney,  
Director of Services, Economic,  
Planning & Physical Development.

Date: 20 February, 2026.