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# Castlebanny Wind Farm

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## Coillte and ART Generation

**Coillte and ART Generation are jointly exploring the potential for a renewable energy project close to Mullinavat in Co Kilkenny. We aim to develop a responsible project in a way that will bring benefit locally, regionally and nationally.**

Both Coillte and ART Generation teams have extensive experience in the development, delivery and operation of wind energy developments throughout Ireland.

### ART Generation

ART Generation is a wholly Irish owned renewable energy company based in Ireland. It is a well-established energy development company with responsibility for managing the development, construction and operation of projects throughout Ireland including Foyle Windfarm in Co. Kilkenny. ART Generation most recently developed three wind farms in the counties of Kilkenny and Tipperary.

### Coillte

Coillte, as Ireland's largest landowner, has a responsibility to contribute to the decarbonisation of the economy across all areas of its business. Through the Renewable Energy team, Coillte has been involved in the development of four windfarms at Raheenleagh, Castlepook, Cloosh and Sliabh Bawn contributing

more than 300MW of clean power to the Irish energy market.

### Climate Action Plan

In line with the 2019 All of Government Climate Action Plan, both Coillte and ART Generation are firmly committed to achieving Ireland's ambition of 70% of renewable electricity generation by 2030.

### Our Environment

TOBIN Consulting Engineers are the lead planning and environmental consultants for the Castlebanny Wind Farm Project.

TOBIN Consulting Engineers is a multi-award winning Irish-owned and Irish-operated company providing services in Environment & Planning, Building & Infrastructure and Water. TOBIN has extensive experience in the completion of Environmental Impact Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Engineering Design and Planning Submissions for sustainable renewable energy infrastructure across the country.

Wind Development projects undergo rigorous environmental analysis under a series of headings including: Population and Human Health, Biodiversity, Land, Soil, Water, Air, Climate, Material Assets, Cultural Heritage and Landscape.

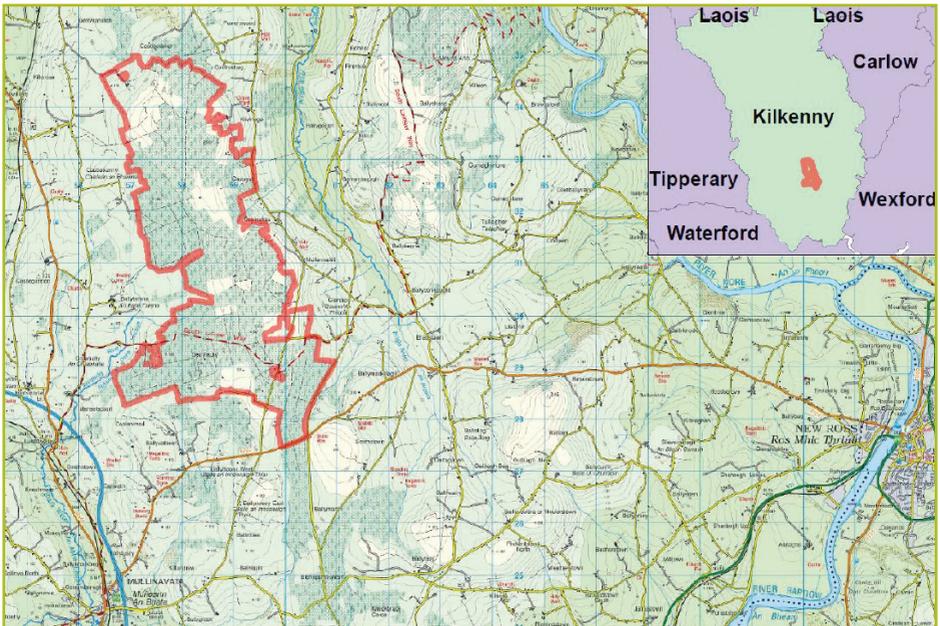


## Castlebanny

The proposed wind farm is situated near Mullinavat, Co. Kilkenny on a large site, approximately 7km in length and 3km in width, about 4,000 acres in total. The proposed wind farm area has the capacity to accommodate up to 24 turbines and generate enough clean electricity to power more than 70,000 homes and avoiding the emission of over 100,000t of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum.

The potential project will fully comply with the latest wind energy guidelines and we commit to a minimum set back

distance from turbines to residential dwellings of 750m. A significant annual community benefit fund will be established in line with forthcoming Government policy which will include both funding for wider community initiatives and a Near Neighbour scheme focused on houses in close proximity to the project. Community Investment opportunities will also be explored as outlined in the governments new Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS).





## Meet The Team

**Richard Walshe** is the owner of ART Generation. A native of Co Kilkeny, he has been involved in the development and operation of wind energy since 2002. Richard brings extensive experience and knowledge to the project alongside his deep understanding of the local area.

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**Kieran O'Malley** is Coillte's project manager for the proposed Castlebanny Wind Farm development. Kieran brings extensive experience having worked as a civil and environmental engineer and renewable energy project developer for over 24 years.

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**Shane Lowry** is our Community Liaison Officer. Shane enjoys working with people and brings many years of experience across different business sectors. Shane is your local contact for the proposed project at Castlebanny.

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**Andy Fox** is Coillte's Community Engagement Manager. Andy has spent the past 15 years working hand in hand with communities to drive towards sustainable local development. Originally from Kenya and the UK, Andy now lives in Co. Wicklow.

## Next Steps

1. Environmental studies will continue for the study area.
  2. Community engagement will continue in the locality sharing information and listening to queries and concerns.
  3. Quarter 1 2020 will see further communications and project details emerge as we develop our understanding of the project potential.
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## Contact Us

We welcome any engagement and interaction with you on any aspect of the proposed wind farm.

You can contact us by email at [castlebannywindfarm@coillte.ie](mailto:castlebannywindfarm@coillte.ie)

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