

# PLANNING APPLICATION FORM

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## PLANNING APPLICATION FORM (Part 1)

**1. Name of Relevant Planning Authority:** Donegal County Council

### 2. Location of Development

Postal Address or Townland or Location (as may best identify the land or structure in question)	Townland of Ballynahone Near Buncrana County Donegal
Ordnance Survey Map Ref No (and the Grid Reference where available)	0148-A Grid Eastings: 637,428 Grid Northings: 929,400

### 3. Type of planning permission (please tick appropriate box):

Permission

Permission for retention

Outline Permission

Permission consequent on Grant of Outline Permission

### 4. Where planning permission is consequent on grant of outline permission:

Outline Permission Register Reference Number:

Date of Grant of Outline Permission:

### 5. Applicant <sup>2</sup>

Name(s)	FuturEnergy Ireland Development DAC
	Contact details of Applicant to be supplied at Question <sup>23</sup>

**6. Where Applicant is a Company (registered under the Companies Acts):**

Name(s) of company director(s)	Barry Gavin, Henry Bouchier, Lisa DuPuy, David Farrell, David Feeney, Patrick Murphy, William Stanley
Registered Address (of company)	C/O Futureenergy, 27/28 Herbert Place, Dublin 2 D02 DC97
Company Registration No.	683948

**7. Person/Agent acting on behalf of the Applicant (if any):**

Name	Conor Auld
	Address to be supplied at the end of this form. (Question 24)

**8. Person responsible for preparation of Drawings and Plans: <sup>3 & 16</sup>**

Name	Paul O'Reilly
Firm/Company	Fehily TImoney and Company

**9. Description of Proposed Development:**

Brief description of nature and extent of development <sup>4</sup>

The development will consist of: a 10-year permission for the development of a Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Compound with a total surface area of c.2.9Ha containing 248no. battery energy storage units in the form of metal shipping containers [approximately 12.2m (L) x 2.6m (W) and 2.9m (H) each] and associated ancillary control and ventilation equipment. Installation of an onsite transformer compound (c.3,600sq m) to facilitate an under-the fence connection to the adjacent Trillick 110kV substation. The transformer compound will include a control building of c.27sq m, a 110 kV transformer, associated electrical equipment, and an up to 18m high lightning protection monopole mast. A temporary construction compound with a total surface area of c.1,500sq m. c.515m of new and upgraded access tracks; 3no. entrances from the L-7231 public road comprising the upgrade of 1no. existing entrance and creation of 1no. new permanent access and 1no. new temporary access for the construction and operation of the facility; underground electrical and communications cabling between the proposed LDES compound and the proposed on-site transformer compound which will cross under the L-7231 public road; security lighting; pole mounted CCTV and communications mast; on-site freshwater storage tank including fresh water treatment unit in the form of a metal shipping container; on-site drainage system and associated vegetated attenuation pond; a storage container in the form of a metal shipping container; sound reflective barriers to a height of 4m; security fencing and gates; and all associated ancillary site development, services and clearance works including tree felling of c.4.7Ha of conifer plantation; landscaping and planting. The proposed LDES facility will be operational for a period of 30 years.

**10. Legal Interest of Applicant in the Land or Structure:**

Please tick appropriate box to show applicant's legal interest in the land or structure	A. Owner	B. Occupier
	C. Other X	
Where legal interest is 'Other', please expand further on your interest in the land or structure.	A letter of consent from the landowner of the site is included with this application.	
If you are not the legal owner, please state the name of the owner and supply a letter from the owner of consent to make the application as listed in the accompanying documentation.	Mona Cassidy	

**11. Site Area:**

Area of site to which the application relates in hectares	5.800
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**12. Where the application relates to a building or buildings:**

Gross floor space <sup>5</sup> of any existing building(s) in sq m	0.00
Gross floor space of proposed works in sq m	27.00
Gross floor space of work to be retained in sq m (if appropriate)	0.00
Gross floor space of any demolition in sq m (if appropriate)	0.00

**13. In the case of mixed development (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial, etc), please provide breakdown of the different classes of development and breakdown of the gross floor area of each class of development:**

Class of Development	Gross floor area in sq m

**14. In the case of residential development please provide the following,**

**(a) Breakdown of residential mix:**

Number of	Studio	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	4+ Bed	Total
Houses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apartments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of car parking spaces to be provided							Total: 0

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**15. Where the application refers to a material change of use of any land or structure or the retention of such a material change of use:**

Existing use <sup>6</sup> (or previous use where retention permission is sought)	
Proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)	
Nature and extent of any such proposed use (or use it is proposed to retain)	

**16. Social and Affordable Housing**

Please tick appropriate	Yes	No
Is the application an application for permission for development to which Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, applies? <sup>7</sup>		X

If the answer to the above question is "yes" and the development is not exempt (see below), you must provide, as part of your application, details as to how you propose to comply with section 96 of Part V of the Act including, for example, (i) details of such part or parts of the land which is subject to the application for permission or is or are specified by the Part V agreement, or houses situated on such aforementioned land or elsewhere in the planning authority's functional area proposed to be transferred to the planning authority, or details of houses situated on such aforementioned land or elsewhere in the planning authority's functional area proposed to be leased to the planning authority, or details of any combination of the foregoing, and (ii) details of the calculations and methodology for calculating values of land, site costs, normal construction and development costs and profit on those costs and other related costs such as an appropriate share of any common development works as required to comply with the provisions in Part V of the Act."

(iii) If the answer to the above question is "yes" but you consider that paragraph (j) of Section 96(3) would be applicable, evidence of when site was purchased should be submitted.

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If the answer to the above question is **“yes”** but you consider the development to be exempt by virtue of section 97 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended <sup>8</sup> , a copy of the Certificate of Exemption under section 97 must be submitted (or, where an application for a certificate of exemption has been made but has not yet been decided, a copy of the application should be submitted).

If the answer to the above question is **“no”** by virtue of section 96(13) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended <sup>9</sup> , details indicating the basis on which section 96(13) is considered to apply to the development should be submitted.

N/A

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## 17. Development Details

Please tick appropriate	Yes	No
Does the proposed development consist of work to a protected structure and/or its curtilage or proposed protected structure and/or its curtilage?		X
Does the proposed development consist of work to the exterior of a structure which is located within an architectural conservation area (ACA)?		X
Does the application relate to development which affects or is close to a monument or place recorded under section 12 of the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004 <sup>10</sup>		X
Does the proposed development require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement <sup>11</sup> ?		X
Does the application relate to work within or close to a European Site or a Natural Heritage Area <sup>12</sup> ?		X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purposes of an activity requiring a licence from the Environmental Protection Agency other than a waste licence?		X
Does the application relate to a development which comprises or is for the purposes of an activity requiring a waste licence?		X
Do the Major Accident Regulations apply to the proposed development?		X
Does the application relate to a development in a Strategic Development Zone?		X
Does the proposed development involve the demolition of any structure?		X

## 18. Site History

**Details regarding site history (if known)**

Has the site in question ever, to your knowledge, been flooded?  
Yes [ ] No [X]  
If yes, please give details e.g. year, extent:  
Are you aware of previous uses of the site e.g. dumping or quarrying?  
Yes [ ] No [X]  
If yes, please give details:

**Are you aware of any valid planning applications previously made in respect of this land/structure?**

Yes [ ] No [X]  
If yes, please state planning reference number(s) and the date(s) of receipt of the planning application(s) by the planning authority if known:

Reference No.:	Date:
Reference No.:	Date:
Reference No.:	Date:
Reference No.:	Date:

If a valid planning application has been made in respect of this land or structure in the 6 months prior to the submission of this application, then the site notice must be on a yellow background in accordance with Article 19(4) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

**Is the site of the proposal subject to a current appeal to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a similar development<sup>13</sup> ?**

Yes [ ] No [X].  
An Bord Pleanála Reference No.: .

## 19. Pre-application Consultation

**Has a pre-application consultation taken place in relation to the proposed development<sup>14</sup> ?**

Yes [X] No [ ]  
If yes, please give details: Pre-planning meeting held on 25 April 2024 and follow up email comments received 6 June 2024

Reference No. (if any): PP7062

Date(s) of consultation: 2024-04-25

Persons involved: Ryan Nolan, Planning Section, Donegal County Council

## 20. Services

### Proposed Source of Water Supply

Please indicate whether existing or new:

Existing  New  Not Applicable

Public Mains  Group Water Scheme  Private Well  Other (please specify)

Name of Group Water Scheme (where applicable)

### Proposed Wastewater Management/Treatment

Please indicate whether existing or new:

Existing  New  Not Applicable

Public Sewer  Conventional septic tank system  Other on-site treatment system  
(Please specify)

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## Proposed Surface Water Disposal

Public Sewer/Drain [ ] Soakpit [X] Watercourse [ ] Other (Please specify) [ ] Not Applicable [ ]

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## 21. Details of Public Notice

Approved newspaper in which notice was published	Inishowen Independent
Date of publication	17-09-2024
Date on which site notice was erected <sup>17</sup>	18-09-2024

## 22. Application Fee

Fee Payable <sup>18</sup>	2,127.20
Basis of Calculation	The planning application fee for Ballynahone is calculated at €2,127.20. This is calculated as follows: Fee Class 4: $27 * 3.60 = €97.20$ Fee Class 8: $2.9 / 0.1 * 50 = €1,450$ Fee Class 13: $5.8 / 0.1 * 10 = €580$

I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this form is correct and accurate and fully compliant with the Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended, and the Regulations made there under: Where an application is made in electronic form with the consent of the Planning Authority under article 22(3) of the Principal Regulations valid login credentials will replace the need for a signature and satisfy the declaration.

## To be signed by applicant(s) or agent where applicable.

	Applicant	Applicant (where more than one applicant is named).	Agent
Signature	_____	_____	_____
Print Name	_____	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____	_____