

Yellow River Wind Farm

Autumn 2024
Newsletter



About Yellow River Wind Farm

Yellow River Wind Farm is a 29-turbine wind farm currently under construction in Rhode, Co. Offaly. The project received planning permission in 2014 and in October 2022 SSE Renewables commenced the construction process of the wind farm. When completed, the wind farm will produce enough clean green energy to power the equivalent of around 66,000 homes annually.

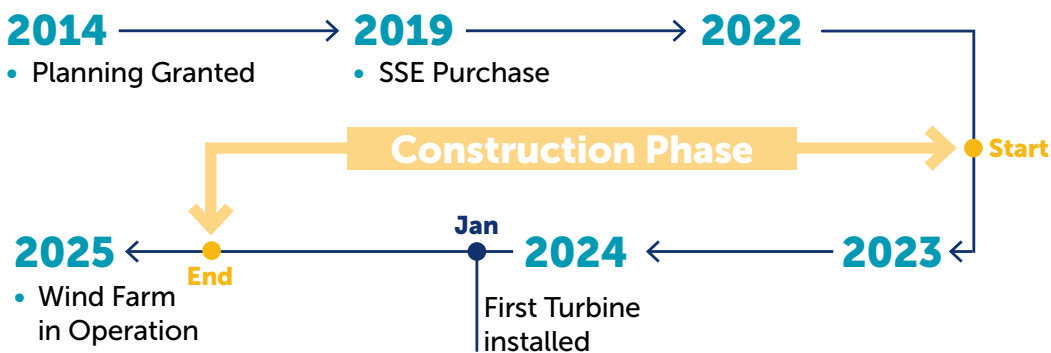
We have now installed our final turbine and are nearing the end of our construction phase. We have already begun our reinstatement and landscaping at the site and expect the project to be fully operational at the start of 2025.

Thanking the Community

"The team in SSE Renewables would like to take the opportunity to extend our thanks to the local community for their patience during the construction of the project. With all 29 of our turbines now fully installed and component deliveries to the wind farm complete, disruption should be greatly reduced. Thank you again for your support."

Paul Rodgers, Project Manager

Project Timeline



Benefits of the Project



101MW of clean green energy



Investment in local economies and communities



66,000 homes powered



150 jobs created at peak of construction period



Contributing to Ireland's Climate Action Target of 80% renewable electricity by 2030



Substantial Community Benefit Fund



Offset almost 70,000 metric tonnes of harmful CO2 emissions



Construction Fund supporting over 60 local causes to date



Project Updates

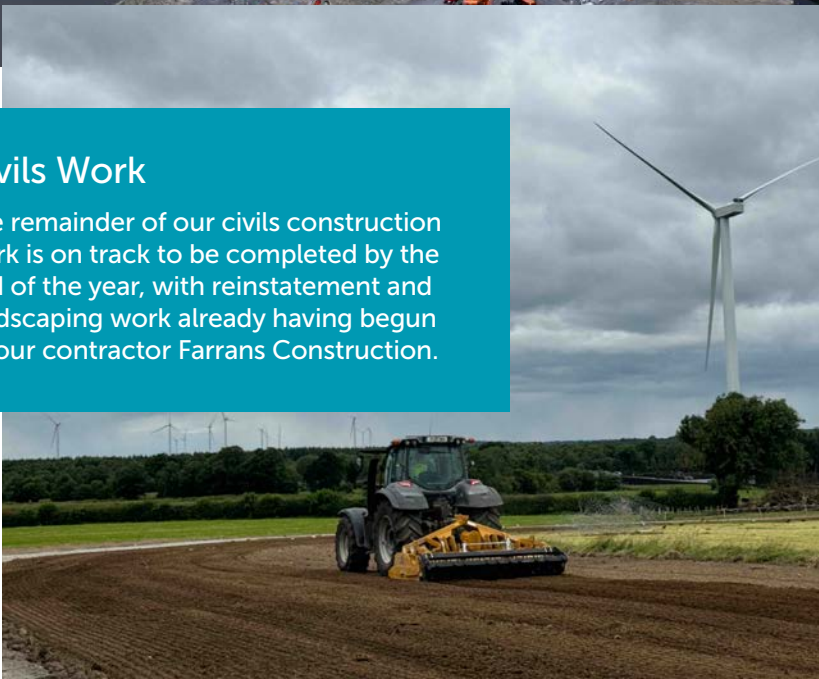


Wind Turbine Installation Complete

Since our last newsletter we have reached a landmark milestone for the project, with the installation of our 29th and final turbine. With all turbines now installed, we are closer to becoming operational, which will allow us to deliver local, renewable energy onto the Irish grid and offset almost 70,000 metric tonnes of carbon annually.

Civils Work

The remainder of our civils construction work is on track to be completed by the end of the year, with reinstatement and landscaping work already having begun by our contractor Farrans Construction.



R400 and Local Roads Update

SSE Renewables are happy to have worked with Offaly County Council to fund the R400 road upgrade works. This, along with ongoing improvements during peak construction, will ensure that Yellow River Wind Farm has significantly contributed towards a lasting benefit to the local road network which has been vital for the successful construction of the wind farm.

We would like to thank the local community once again for their patience and support during the construction and delivery period of Yellow River Wind Farm.

Substation and Grid connection

The substation for Yellow River Wind Farm is located at Rhode Green Energy Park and construction is being undertaken by Suir Engineering. The substation buildings have now been completed, and the electrical installation and commissioning is underway. External civils work, which include fencing and landscaping, are nearing completion. Works are also progressing well on the grid cable ducting and cable installation, which will allow energy to be transported from the substation to the national grid.



In the Community

Construction Fund



Croghan Primary School

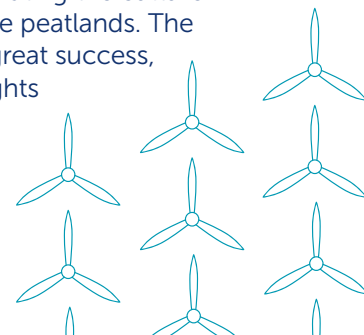
SSE Renewables continues to support local community projects through its Yellow River Construction Fund. The Fund allows us to support local causes while the wind farm is being constructed. The objective of this fund is to give back to the community the wind farm will operate in in a meaningful way. SSE Renewables has sponsored over 60 projects and initiatives since construction began in 2022.

This includes the 2024 Edenderry Music Festival, which we supported for the second year in a row. The festival took place over three days in June and included performances from Rualie Buaille, Qween, Agenda and Hammer & Tongs, and a family fun day on the final day with a kiddies disco, balloon making, bouncy castle and puppet show.



Footings Theatre - Croí

We were also delighted to support Footings Theatre's production of Croí, a new musical from local artists Cormac and Lorraine Reilly set in North Offaly, celebrating the culture and traditions of the peatlands. The production was a great success, selling out both nights





Rhode Community Games



Rhode Croghan Senior Citizens



Ballinabrackey Underage GAA

Supporting Local Groups

We have also continued to support local schools, sports and community initiatives, with some more examples of those who received funding in our last round above. We will continue to support more local initiatives until construction on Yellow River is completed.



New Applications

The Construction Fund is now in its final phase, and will conclude in the coming months. There continues to be a limited amount of funding available, so if your group or charitable organisation would like to apply for funding please contact our **Community Liaison Officer Richard Whelan** at Richard.whelan@sse.com who will advise on next steps.

All applications received will be reviewed on a regular basis and the team at SSE Renewables will let you know whether your application has been successful.

Community Benefit Fund

The Yellow River Community Fund Committee has been appointed and will be meeting regularly to discuss the Community Benefit Fund. The Committee is made up of local people who will represent the local community's interests. The initial meetings will focus on the Community Consultation report which will in turn provide the basis of the Funding Strategy for the Yellow River Community Benefit Fund. The Strategy will open for public consultation before the end of 2024, and will underpin the Yellow River Community Benefit Fund.

If you haven't already signed up for our Community Benefit Fund updates, scan the QR code and provide your details, or follow this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/X5CdtfeUk>



About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables is one of Ireland's leading developers of onshore wind farms, operating one of the country's largest wind farms, Galway Wind Park.

Headquartered in Ireland and the UK, with a growing presence internationally, SSE Renewables' strategy is to lead the transition to a net zero future through the world-class development, construction and operation of cleaner power assets across a diverse mix of renewable technologies. SSE Renewables is investing around €8bn to 2027, or almost €4.5m a day on average, to support the delivery of SSE's Net Zero Acceleration Programme to address climate change head on. This includes plans to increase installed renewable energy capacity to around 9GW by 2027.

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