



# Yellow River Wind Farm

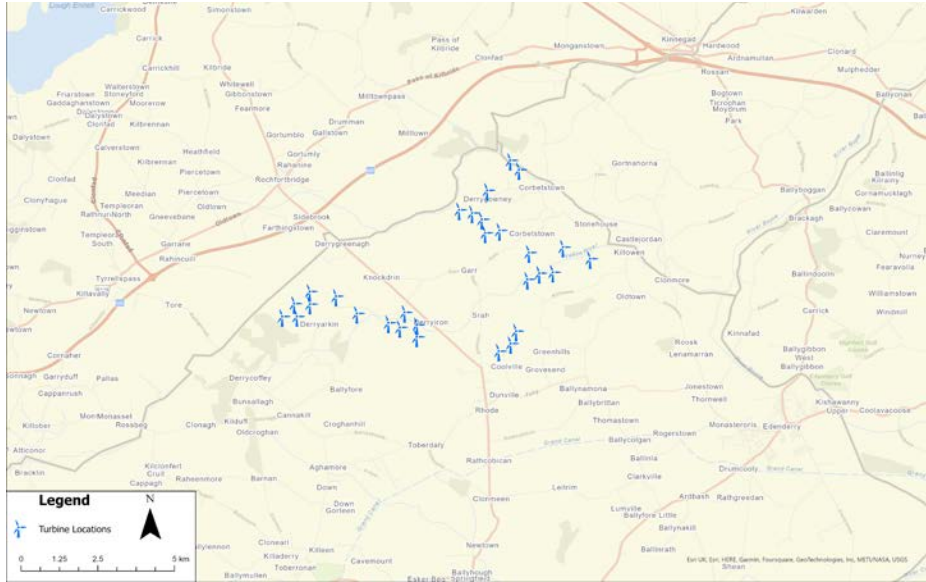


# About Yellow River

Yellow River is a 29-turbine consented wind farm, with an installed capacity in excess of 100MW located outside Rhode, County Offaly.

SSE Renewables commenced construction on the wind farm in November 2022, with the expected completion date in 2024.

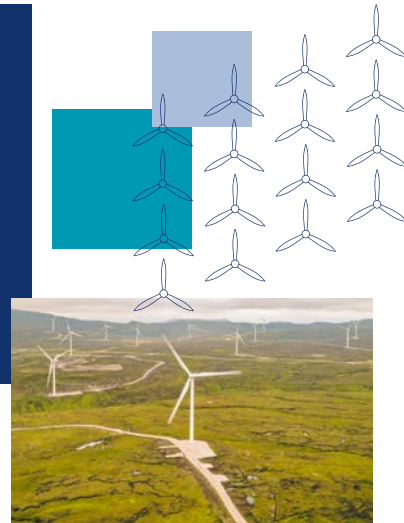
The project is expected to support up to 80 fulltime construction jobs at peak delivery.



## About SSE Renewables

SSE Renewables is Ireland's leading developer, owner and operator of onshore wind farms, with a vision to make renewable energy the foundation of a zero-carbon world.

The renewable electricity generated at wind farms operated by SSE Renewables across Ireland powers SSE Airtricity, Ireland's largest provider of 100% green energy.



## SSE Renewables' funding approach



Place-based funder – focusing on the areas near our renewable development sites and the specific needs of the communities within these areas.



Community decisions – believing that local people know their community best and ensuring funding decision-making for local funds will be made by local community representatives.



Lasting legacy – working with communities to understand what their priorities are and focusing on funding projects which provide what they need, now and for the future.



Flexible funding – understanding that the environment around projects can change and being able to respond quickly to requests for amendments to budget spend or project priorities.



Responsible relationships – providing honest and transparent guidance at all stages of funding. Working collaboratively with funded organisations to network, access expert guidance and share best practice.



Facilitating project development – providing funding for core personnel and to provide organisations with the opportunity to innovate and develop. Providing the initial funding needed to enable a project to test concepts and allow these to grow and develop.



Understanding our impact – committing to understanding the difference our funding makes in formats which are easy to use for funded organisations and sharing the learning from our findings.

## Community Benefit Fund

SSE Renewables will invest €2/MWh generated, meaning the fund will fluctuate annually depending on the wind farms performance.

It is estimated the Community Benefit Fund will total approximately €595k per annum over the course of 15 years. The Fund will be open to applications from not-for-profit community enterprises, clubs & societies and similar not-for-profit entities, with a focus on UN Sustainable Development Goals.



For more information and / or if you would like to be kept informed in relation to the Yellow River Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

## Community Benefit Fund Committee

We will establish a Community Benefit Fund Committee which is made up of local champions who will be the decision making body for the fund.

The fund committee concept places communities at the heart of the decision-making process and has a key role in providing climate leadership within the community, and in ensuring the funds are used to facilitate sustainable development and climate action.

The committee will be made up of voluntary, community representatives and will have the ultimate responsibility for the fund strategy and delivery.



We invite anyone who wishes to sit on this committee to complete an expression of interest form, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

## Community Benefit Timeline

Community consultation  
Q2 2023  
Q3 2023

Consultation report published  
Q3 2023

Community committee established  
Q4 2023

Community Action Plan developed  
Q2 2024

Community Action Plan consultation  
Q2 2024

Community Action Plan published  
Q3 2024

Community benefit funding workshop  
Q3 2024

Community Benefit Fund launched  
Q2 2025



# Yellow River Project Update

November 2022



Construction commencement.



Commencement of construction access tracks, hardstands, forestry and hedge clearing works and fencing.

March 2023



Commencement of turbine foundations, drainage, ducts & cables.

# Yellow River Project Timeline

Spring / Summer 2023

Road improvement works.

Autumn / Winter 2023

Turbine deliveries commence.

2024

Turbine erection.

Site landscaping and reinstating.

First commissioning.

Wind farm operational.



# Yellow River Project Benefits



100MW of clean green energy



66000 homes powered



Contributing to Irelands Climate Action Target of 80% renewable electricity by 2030



Offset 27 million Kg of harmful CO2 emissions.



Investment in local economies and communities



80 jobs created at peak of construction period.



Substantial Community Benefit fund

# Offaly Local Development Company

Offaly Local Development Company works in collaboration with other organisations and agencies to provide a flexible, inclusive, supportive and innovative range of programmes and services throughout County Offaly. This work seeks to address identified needs within communities taking a values driven and client-centred approach to create an empowered population and provide social and economic services to individuals, communities and businesses.

Offaly Local Development Company will support SSE Renewables and work alongside the community to establish the Yellow River Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Committee and Community Action Plan.



In order to advise the Yellow River Community Benefit Fund Committee on how best the community would like this funding invested, we invite all members of the community to complete this online, needs assessment and highlight what the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities are in this area.



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