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RE: Public consultation relating to the Draft Kerry County Development Plan (2022-28)

BayWa r.e. welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the public consultation on the Kerry County Council Development Plan 2022 to 2028.

BayWa r.e. is a leading global renewable energy developer, service supplier, distributor, and energy solutions provider with a strong focus on the Irish market. BayWa r.e. Ireland Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the BayWa AG agricultural group which has been in operation since 1923. Our presence globally is across 28 countries and with over 3,000 employees we have established a pipeline globally of 16GW of renewable energy projects.

Our core focus is to work with landowners to offer an alternative income stream to traditional farming in conjunction to supporting the Irish government in its renewable energy generation targets for 2030 and beyond.

The Climate Action Plan 2021 requires 80% of Ireland's electricity to come from renewable sources by 2030. This requires an additional 8,000MW of onshore wind to be developed and constructed within the next eight years. To provide this a doubling of the installed onshore wind power is required.

The south-west of Ireland has some of the best natural resources in the country, with a high average wind speed, when compared to the country average.

The current Draft Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 does not allow for an expansion of onshore wind within the county of Kerry. There does not appear to be any 'Preferred' areas zoned as suitable for new onshore wind farm locations, just a small area 'Open to Consideration'.

The area proposed to be 'Open to Consideration' for onshore wind has been drastically reduced, from circa 80,000 Ha to 6,000 Ha and removed the Iveragh, Dingle and Beara Peninsulas for consideration in relation to wind energy production.

Pre Draft Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028

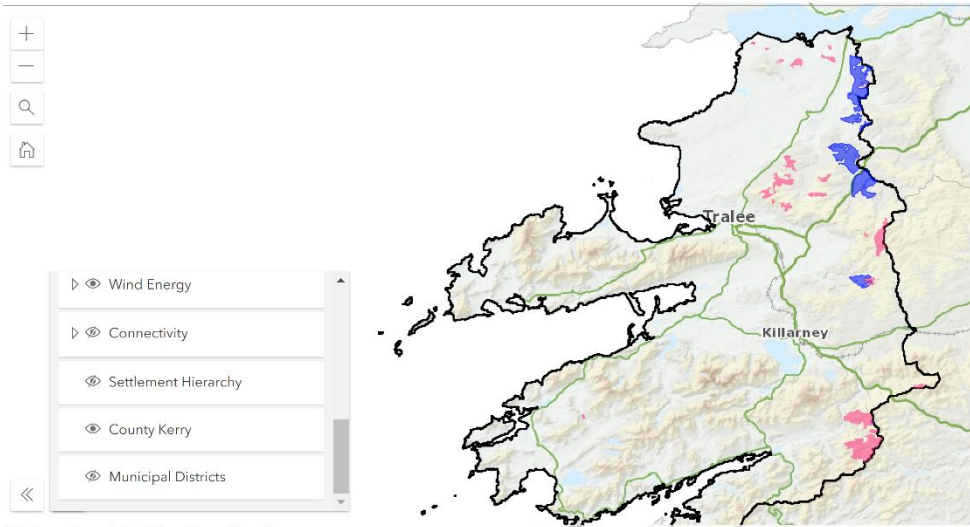


Figure 1 – Draft Development Plan Wind Zoning
(Blue – Open to Consideration, Magenta – Repowering)

We would like to encourage Kerry County Council to re-evaluate the proposed wind farm zoning areas within the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028 to enable an expansion of the renewable energy assets connecting to the Irish grid and allowing Ireland's climate goals to be met, at both a county level and a national level.

Yours sincerely,



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