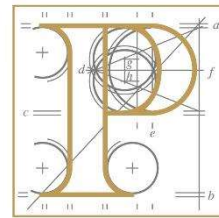


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Your Reference: Coole Windfarm Ltd



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MKO, Planning & Environmental Consultants
c/o Ciara McGuinness, Tuam Road
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Date: 09 December 2020

Re: Proposed development of 15 no. wind turbines together with grid connection to extend existing Coole Wind Farm and all associated site works, townlands of Coole, Monktown, Camagh, Doon, Clonsura, Clonrobert and Carlanstown County Westmeath.

A Chara,

Please be advised that following consultations under section 37B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board hereby serves notice under section 37B(4)(a) that it is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the scope of paragraphs 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the proposed development would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of section 37A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Any application for permission for the proposed development must therefore be made directly to An Bord Pleanála under section 37E of the Act.

Please also be informed that the Board considers that the pre-application consultation process in respect of this proposed development is now closed. Overleaf is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development along with a note from the Inspector.

In accordance with section 146(5) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Mac Giollarnáth

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The following is a list of prescribed bodies considered relevant for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act.

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Development Applications Unit)
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment
Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
Westmeath County Council
Irish Water
Inland Fisheries Ireland
Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Environmental Protection Agency
The Heritage Council
An Taisce
An Chomhairle Ealaíon
Fáilte Ireland
Irish Aviation Authority
Health & Safety Authority
Office of Public Works

Further notifications should also be made, where deemed appropriate.

Note: The prospective applicant should be advised to submit a standalone document (which may form part of the EIAR) with the planning application, which outlines the mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference.

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