

Ecopower Developments Zetec House Purcellsich IDA Busniess Park Dublin Road Killkenny

Date: 14 January 2021

Re: Increase in size of the wind turbines part of the authorised Upperchurch Windfarm Project. Graniera, Shevry, Knockcurraghbola Commons, Knockmaroe, Grousehall, Cummer, Foilnaman, Gleninchnaveigh, Coumnageeha, Coumbeg, Knocknamena Commons, Glenbeg and Seskin, Co. Tipperary

Dear Sir / Madam,

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. In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of \in 3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of \notin 3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

Attached is a list of prescribed bodies to be notified of the application for the proposed development.

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. The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

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Yours faithfully,

Jennifer Sherry Executive Officer Direct Line: 01-8737266

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