Planning & Environmental Consultants



Attn: Sinead McInerney, Executive Officer An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 By email and Post

5th February 2016

Our Ref: Your Ref: 150504 19.PC0209

Re: Proposed Wind Farm at Cloncreen, Co. Offaly

Dear Ms. McInerney,

I refer to the above project and the minutes circulated by the Board on the 22nd of December 2015. Having reviewed the minutes that issued the design team and applicant wish to highlight the following minor clarifications to the Board:

- Page 3 of 7, bullet point 3 under the heading "Site Selection". The Board has listed "Low Population Density" as one of the factors considered. In this regard the design teams wishes to clarify that in relation to dwellings and population that proximity to houses (the second bullet point) was the main criterion considered, and that due to the nature of the site and its location that the population density did not arise as a significant factor for site selection.
- 2. Page 5, of 7, second bullet point in the issued minutes refers to "A disused sand and gravel quarry to the North East". In this regard please note that the disused sand and gravel quarry is located adjacent to the <u>north western</u> boundary of the site.
- 3. Page 5 of 7, bullet point six of the issued minutes under the heading of "Site Constraints", states that the aerodrome will require a buffer of between 2-7 km, the actual buffer distance required by the aerodrome is <u>2.7</u> kilometres.
- 4. Page 6 of 7, bullet point four of the issued minutes under the heading of "Grid Connection" states "the connection could be to the south of the Edenderry power station, by loop-in connection to the power line south of the site, or via Rhode". In relation to this point we would request that the following statement be substituted for bullet point four "A variety of options for grid connection are being reviewed with the currently favoured approaches being either via connection to the south of the Edenderry power station (to the east) of the proposed site, or by loop-in connection to the existing power line south of the site."

We trust that the above amendments are the Boards satisfaction, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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