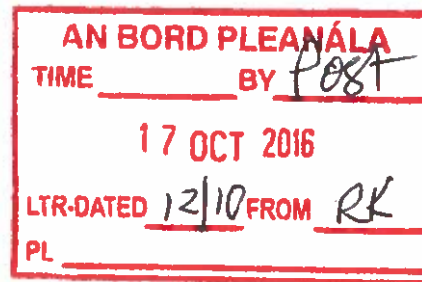




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**Re: Proposed 110kV Substation Development at Letter, Rosscahill,  
County Galway and Associated Works  
Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Determination**

Dear Mr. Somers,

On behalf of our clients, Ardderroo Windfarm Limited, we wish to acknowledge receipt of the written record of the pre-application consultation meeting held in relation to this project on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016.

We note the contents of the written record and wish to make the following clarifications:

- The first paragraph on page 5 refers to the timeframe within which the Galway Wind Park [currently under construction] would become operational. While we are not involved in the construction of that project we are informed that the likely completion date for the Galway Wind Park is Autumn 2017 and not Q1 2017 as stated in the minutes.
- The third paragraph on Page 3 could be misconstrued in that it could be read that the Ardderroo substation is required to facilitate the connection of the permitted Knockalough wind farm to the national Grid. In this regard we note that the final paragraph on page 3 of the meeting record more accurately describes the situation, i.e. making the connection via the subject substation will avoid a temporary shut-down of the permitted Knockalough wind farm in the future.
- In relation to the fourth paragraph on Page 4, which states that the applicant is hoping to lodge a formal planning application circa Q1 2017. In this regard please note that it is the applicants intention to lodge a formal planning application as soon as possible and before the end of this year (2016)

The Board will be aware that the applicants wish to progress an application for the Ardderroo substation as soon as practicable (and in advance of any future application for the Ardderroo wind farm which is subject to Pre-Application consultation under PC0227) and we note that the requirement for another meeting with the Board has been flagged in the circulated minutes. Should the Board consider that a further meeting is required regarding application procedures and processes we would request that such a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible/practicable. In this regard, however, please note that the current project team has undertaken the SID application process with the Board previously and are therefore familiar with the relevant procedures. Accordingly [and should the Board consider it appropriate] we would have no objection to receiving

any further instruction in relation to procedures in writing should the proposed development be determined to be SID.

In relation to application documentation we intend to submit the following with any future planning application for the proposed development:

- Required Application forms, notices and drawings etc.;
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Document;
- Environmental Report – assessing all the relevant criteria (Human Beings, Noise, landscape, Noise, Flora and Fauna, Geology/Soils, Hydrology, Air and Climate, Cultural Heritage etc.) including an assessment of any potential cumulative effects, and
- A Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

We trust the above is in order and look forward to hearing from the Board further in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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