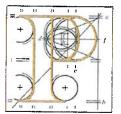
Ou \_\_ase Number: ABP-308210-20

Planning Authority Reference Number: 146760 Your Reference: Barna Wind Energy (BWE) Ltd.



An Bord Pleanála

Fehily Timoney Core House Pouladuff Road Cork Co. Cork

Date: 1st March 2023

Re: 6 no. wind turbines.

Lackareagh and Garranereagh, Lissarda and Barnadivane (Kneeves) Teerelton, Co Cork,

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the Board's statutory notice to you dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and your further email received on the **16<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

It is noted from your email that you require a further time period to respond to the information requested by the Board in its notice. Therefore, in accordance with section 132 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended), you are required to submit, on or before **28**<sup>th</sup> **March 2023**, the following information:

1. Having regard to the number of submissions on the file and elapse of time, the Board considers that it would be of benefit to the parties and the Board to have available a single point of reference which constitutes the applicant's case of the topic of noise. It is also considered appropriate in view of the High Court judgement that you are presented with an opportunity to revise or update that section of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

In that context, you are requested to:

- (a) provide a consolidated and updated section of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report as it relates to noise,
- (b) provide a separate response to the submissions made by appellants and observers on the topic of noise, and
- (c) the submission under (a) and (b) above should have regard to the emerging policy context and the most up to date knowledge.
- 2. You are requested to identify, describe and assess any changes in the environment or policy context, including the planning history and legislation, which may warrant an update to, or revision of, the Environmental Impact

Assessment Report and/or the Environmental Report and to provide additional information and revise the documents accordingly.

- 3. You are requested to review the landscape and visual impact chapter of the EIAR and the accompanying photomontages to ensure that they are up to date and that they provide a robust consideration of cumulative impacts.
- 4. Regarding landscaping of the substation site, it is considered that this should incorporate dense planning on earthen berms where possible. You are requested to provide a detailed plan, which may include lands outside the site boundary, for the purpose of providing screening landscaping with berms. Any required letter of consent should be provided and the relevant lands should be outlined in blue on the application documentation.
- 5. You are invited to clarify the purpose of the proposed substation in the context of the comments made by third parties relating to the potential role of other permitted substations.
- 6. With respect to the application of the 2011 or 2014 Directive, you are requested to review the 2014 Directive and supporting regulations, and are invited to provide supplementary documentation to support the EIAR, where appropriate.
- 7. You are invited to make a submission addressing the issue of project splitting in the context of other wind energy developments in the area and the proposed substation. You should also ensure that the EIAR provides a robust assessment of cumulative impacts.
- 8. The requirement of EIA for the substation development has been raised by third parties. You are requested to address this in the context of any recent relevant legal cases, the purpose of the substation and the matter of project splitting.

If the information required is not received before the end of the specified period, the Board will dismiss or otherwise determine the appeal without further notice to you in accordance with section 133 of the 2000 Act, (as amended). Your submission in response to this notice must be received by the Board not later than **5.30 p.m. on the date specified above**.

Please submit one electronic copy and 16 hard copies of the information requested.

Following receipt of any significant additional information on the effects on the environment of the proposed development, you may be requested to publish revised public notices.

Please quote the above appeal reference number in any further correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Sorcha Skelly Executive Officer

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