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**Memorandum**  
**Case reference number**  
**ABP-312606-22**

**To:** Nichola Meehan – Senior Executive  
Officer

**From:** Kieran Somers – Executive Officer

**Re:** ABP-312606-22

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

*Mr. Somers,  
Your memo has  
been noted.  
Please forward to  
the ADP - C. Kellett  
NM - 14/2/22*

*Inspector,  
Please note oral hearing  
direction form.  
NM - 14/2/22*

The above-mentioned case is an application to the Board pursuant to section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The proposed development is for a ten-year permission for the construction of a wind farm consisting of 20 turbines with a 110kV electrical substation and all related site works and ancillary development located in the townlands of Annagannihy, Aughinida, Ballynagree East, Ballynagree West, Bawnmore, Caherbaroul, Carrigagulla, Carrigduff, Clonavrick, Derryroe, Drishane More, Dromagh, Drominahilla, Dromskehy and other townlands, County Cork.

In relation to the proposed development, I note that the pre-application case which pertains is ABP-306948-20 and I note that the prospective applicant was advised by the Board to notify the following prescribed bodies of the application:

- Cork County Council
- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
- Minister for Transport
- Southern Regional Assembly

- 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

The letters to the relevant prescribed bodies (dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022) advise that the last date for receipt of a submission by the Board is the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

The Board requires as a minimum that the newspaper notice of the application would be in two newspapers circulating in the area to which the proposed development relates. A site notice in accordance with the protocols set out in the Planning and Development Regulations must also be erected. The date of the erection of the site notice is to be inserted; otherwise it should contain the same information as the newspaper notices and should remain in place for the duration of the period during which the public can make submissions to the Board. In relation to the newspaper notice, I note that notices were published in the Irish Examiner (dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022) and The Corkman (dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022). The notices advise that the last date for receipt of submissions by the Board is the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. A copy of the site notice dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 is also included. It also advises that the last date for receipt of submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

A Natura Impact Statement was submitted with the planning application. The European Sites in question (which were the subject of Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment) are as follows:

- Mullaghanish to Musheramore Mountains SPA (Site Code: 004162)
- Blackwater River (Cork/Waterford) SAC (Site Code: 002170)
- The Gearagh SPA (Site Code: 004109)

The Board has received 2 hard copies and 8 electronic copies of the application, as was outlined to the applicant at pre-application stage. The application is also available for inspection at the offices of Cork County Council. The application includes the following documents in hard copy and electronic format:

- EIAR Volume I – Non-Technical Summary
- EIAR Volume II – Main EIAR
- EIAR Volume III – Appendices
- EIAR Volume IV – Photomontages
- Natura Impact Statement
- Suite of planning drawings (as per Addendum 1 – Schedule of Drawings of the Planning Application Form Addendum)

As also outlined to the applicant at pre-application stage, the Board requires the applicant to provide a stand-alone website containing the application documentation. The address of this website has been included in the public notices, as required, and is [www.ballinagreeplanning.ie](http://www.ballinagreeplanning.ie)

The proposed development relates to the functional area of Cork County Council. In its letter to the local authority (dated the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2022) the Board has requested the local authority to submit a report to it within ten weeks of the receipt of the planning application by the Board in accordance with Section 37(E)(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The last date for receipt of the planning authority's report by the Board is the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

In relation to the requirements regarding the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's EIA Portal, the applicant has submitted a confirmation notice in this regard which issued from the Department on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 (as per Addendum 6 of the Planning Application Form Addendum). By email dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022, the Department has acknowledged receipt of the Board's email in respect of the completed EIA portal form and attached information (copy attached herein).

The requisite fee of €100,000 has been paid in respect of the application.

File submitted for review/comments.

**9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**