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YOUR REF:318446

To whom it may concern

Under the provisions of Section 37F(1)(c) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Article 217(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended), the Board can "at its absolute discretion and at any time" (s.37F(1)) and "at any time before making its decision" (a.217(4)(b)), exercise its powers to invite further submissions on an application from any person.

We respectfully request that the Board uses its powers under Section 37F(1)(c), or Article 217(4)(b) to provide us with an additional opportunity to respond to the observations that were received by the Board in August 2023. We consider that it would be in the public interest, and in the interest of proper planning for the Board to exercise its discretion in this instance to allow us the opportunity to respond to the observations.

The project and the Board have already expended significant time and expense in the application and assessment process to date and so it would be in the interest of the best use of public resources to allow us to respond to the observations made on this application. This would also avoid putting the public who have made observations on this application under the burden of making submissions on a resubmitted application.

Finally, we consider that, given this is a renewable energy project, it would be consistent with the Board's duties under section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, as amended, for the Board to exercise its discretion in this manner.

We would be in a position to respond to any request from the Board within a short timeframe and have already started work in preparing such a response. Therefore, we do not believe that inviting a response would add significantly to the timeframe for deciding this application.

We do apologise that we feel it necessary to ask the Board to exercise its discretion in this way. However, as indicated in previous correspondence to the Board, the Board's original letter of 14 August 2023 was missed in the process of acquiring this project. We are committed to responding to any request from the Board as expeditiously as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

Crystal Leiker

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