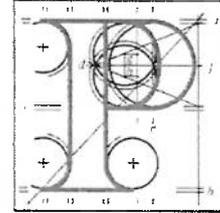


Our Case Number: ABP-318816-24

Your Reference: Cush Wind Limited



**An
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Galetech Energy Services
Clondargan
Stradone
Co. Cavan
H12 NV06

Date: 20 September 2024

Re: 10 year planning permission for wind energy development consisting of 8 no. wind turbines and all associated works located at Cush, Galros West, Boolinarig Big, Eglis, and Ballindown, Co. Offaly. (www.cushwindfarmplanning.ie)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter dated 16 September 2024 in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted and the Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

PP EGM

Ellen Moss
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Ref: PA19.318816 – Cush Wind Farm

16 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with respect to the Strategic Infrastructure Development planning application, as referred to above, for the proposed Cush Wind Farm. On behalf of the Applicant, I would like to take this opportunity to make An Bord Pleanála aware of the imminent Enduring Connection Policy ('ECP') grid connection application closing date and to outline the importance of that date in terms of allowing the proposed development to make its way to the next phase of development/construction.

In the first instance, it is crucial to note that planning permission is a pre-requisite for entry into the ECP process. The proposed Cush Wind Farm, if consented before end of November 2024, could be included for connection offer processing in the next ECP batch. This means that a connection offer from EirGrid would issue in 2025 and allow the project to move to the next phase.

While new connection policy is expected to be developed post-ECP to ensure Ireland can meet its renewable energy targets, significant delays have been experienced in the past in drafting new policy and consented projects have had to wait many years before receiving a connection offer. If the proposed Cush Wind Farm were to receive a favourable planning decision before end of November 2024, it would be in a position to secure a grid connection offer and avoid unnecessary delay whilst new policy is drafted, prepared, and implemented.

A planning decision after that point would, in effect, expose the project to uncertainty regarding future rounds of connection offer processing.

I hope that this information can be taken into consideration as you deliberate on the planning application.

Yours faithfully,

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Project Manager

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