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Our Ref: P22125-FT-EGN-XX-LT-PM-0005

28 October 2025

Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Planning Application for the development of a Wind Farm consisting of 14 no. turbines (and all associated works) in the townlands of Carrowreagh East Cloondrinagh, Cloonkett, Burrenfadda, Shessiv, Craghera, Glenconaun More, Ballyduneen, and Carrowreagh West, County Clare.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Cloonkett Green Energy Limited, we are submitting a Planning Application for a Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP). In its letter dated 17th September 2025, ACP confirmed that the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed development constitutes SID and therefore the planning application should be made directly to the Commission. In that letter, the Commission provided a list of prescribed bodies to be consulted. Your organisation was on this list and therefore we are providing you with this letter and **1 no. electronic copy** of the planning application documents for your consideration.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- i. Construction of 14 no. wind turbines with a blade tip height of 150 m, a hub height of 82 m and a rotor diameter of 136 m.
- ii. Construction of permanent turbine foundations and crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage;
- iii. Construction of 9.51 km of new internal access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- iv. Upgrading of 1.43 km of existing tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- v. Creation of 1 no. new access and upgrading of 1 no. existing agricultural access on the Local Road L2072 to serve as construction and operation access to the Site.
- vi. Creation of 2 no. new accesses on the Local Road L6239 to serve as construction and operation access to the Site;
- vii. 1 no. Water Framework Directive (WFD) watercourse crossing comprising a new clear span bridge to replace an existing ford crossing within the Site;
- viii. Installation of new pipe and box culverts within the Site where proposed infrastructure crosses existing drains;

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- ix. All associated drainage and sediment control including interceptor drains, cross drains, sediment ponds and swales;
- x. Development of 5 no. on-site construction borrow pits with a combined footprint of 5.15 hectares and associated access and drainage infrastructure which will also be used as peat /spoil deposition areas;
- xi. Creation of dedicated peat and spoil deposition areas and berms for the management of peat and spoil within the Site;
- xii. 2 no. temporary construction compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking;
- xiii. Forestry felling of 8.40 ha (84,047 m²) to facilitate construction and operation of the Proposed Development;
- xiv. Installation of underground medium voltage electrical and communication cabling between the proposed turbines and the proposed on-site substation;
- xv. Erection of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast to a height of 100 m above ground level with a 4 m lightning pole on top;
- xvi. Construction of 1 no. permanent onsite 220 kV electrical substation and associated compound including: (a) Welfare facilities; (b) Electrical infrastructure; (c) Parking; (d) Wastewater holding tank; (e) Rainwater harvesting tank; (f) Security fencing; (g) Overhead line (OHL) works (including the construction of 6 no. new galvanised steel pylons/towers and approximately 800 m of new overhead line. The OHL works also involve the removal of 1 no. existing galvanised steel tower) and associated infrastructure to facilitate a loop-in connection with an existing 220 kV overhead line.
- xvii. Temporary accommodation works along the proposed turbine delivery route to facilitate turbine component deliveries at two locations. 1.) on the L6180 within the townland of Ballyduneen. Works will include the laying of a load bearing surface, tree trimming, removal of street furniture and diversion of overhead utility service lines. 2.) on the L6180 road within the townland of Carrowreagh West. Works will include the laying of a load bearing surface, access track upgrade works, tree and hedgerow removal, replacement of an existing culvert with a new box culvert and diversion of overhead utility service lines.
- xviii. Biodiversity enhancement measures within the Site,
- xix. All associated infrastructure, services and site works including excavation, earthworks, peat and spoil management and landscaping.

A 40-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm (including meteorological mast) is being sought. This reflects the lifespan of modern-day turbines.

A permanent planning permission is being sought for the Grid Connection and onsite 220 kV substation as these will become an asset of the national grid under the management of EirGrid and will remain in place upon decommissioning of the Wind Farm.



An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application. The EIAR and NIS is prepared in respect of the construction, operation and, decommissioning of the proposed development and works to facilitate turbine delivery from Galway Port and Foynes Port via the M18 Motorway as far as Junction 12, then along the N85 and N68 National Roads and then along the L6180 and L2072 Local Roads to the main site entrance for the Proposed Wind Farm Site on the L2072.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on **8th October 2025** at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 (9:15am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).
- Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2.

The application may also be viewed / downloaded on the following website:
www.cloonkettgreenenergyplanning.ie.

In considering this application, An Coimisiún Pleanála can decide to:

- a) grant the permission/approval, or
- b) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
- c) grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- d) Refuse permission to grant the permission/approval.

Any submissions or observations may be made only to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

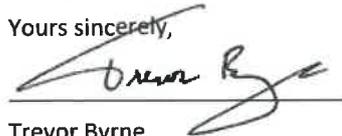
- a) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- b) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- c) The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.



Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Coimisiún Pleanála (Telephone: 01 8588100).

Any submissions/observations must be received by An Coimisiún Pleanála not later than 5.30pm on the 9th December 2025, a six week time period from the issuing of this letter. A copy of this letter of notification was originally issued on the 29th of September to the National Environmental Health Service, HSE, Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Steeven's Lane, Dublin 8, D08 W2A8. We have now been requested by An Coimisiún Pleanála to reissue this notification to the National Business Service Unit in Kildare.

Yours sincerely,



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for and on behalf of Fehily Timoney and Company

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