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The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1

30th November 2020

Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 37E of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-303105-18)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find an application on behalf of our client, Coillte Cuideachta Ghníomhaíochta Ainmnithe (Coillte), for permission in respect of a Proposed wind energy development consisting of 19 no. wind turbines and ancillary site works, in the townlands of Ballydonaghan, Caherhurley, Coumnagun, Carrownagowan, Inchalughoge, Killokennedy, Kilbane, Coolready and Drummod Co. Clare.

The Planning Application follows from pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála (Reference: ABP-303105-18). Having considered the proposal, An Bord Pleanála determined that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 37A(2)(a) and (b) of the Act, and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

The Applicant has decided not to pursue the proposed grid connection at present and thus is not seeking consent for this element of the project at this time. It is intended that a separate application for the proposed grid connection will be made.

The Applicant is therefore applying to An Bord Pleanála under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the following:

- Nineteen (19) No. Wind Turbines (blade tip height up to 169m).
- Nineteen (19) No. Wind Turbine foundations and associated Hardstand areas.
- One (1) No. Permanent Meteorological Mast (100m height) and associated foundation and hardstand area.
- One (1) No. Substation (110kV) including associated ancillary buildings (electrical building including control, switchgear and metering rooms, and the operational building including welfare facilities, workshop and office), security fencing and all associated works.



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- Upgraded Site Entrance.
- New and upgraded internal site service roads (8.4km of existing tracks to be upgraded and 11.4km of new service roads to be constructed)
- Provision of an on-site Visitor cabin and parking.
- Underground electrical collection and SCADA system linking each wind turbine to the proposed on-site substation.
- Construction of new roadways and localised widening along turbine delivery route.
- Two (2) No. Temporary construction site compounds.
- Three (3) No. Borrow Pits to be used as a source of stone material during construction.
- Three (3) No. Peat and Spoil deposition areas (at borrow pit locations).
- Associated surface water management systems.
- Tree felling for wind farm infrastructure.
- All associated site development works.

A 10 year planning permission, and 30 year operational life from the date of commissioning is sought.

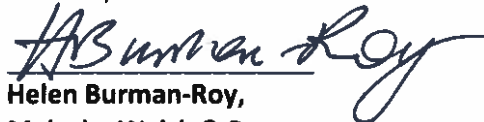
An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura ImpAct Statement (NIS) have been prepared and accompany this application.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner Consent Letters
- 3) ESRI shapefile of application site boundary in the Irish Transverse Mercator co-ordinate reference system (on CD)
- 4) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 5) Planning application drawings (and an A3 booklet for ease of reference)
- 6) Original and copy of public newspaper notice published in the Irish Independent
- 7) Original and Copy of public newspaper notice published in the Clare Champion
- 8) Copy of Site Notice in English
- 9) Schedule of Pre-application Consultation
- 10) Copy of the Pre-application Determination
- 11) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 12) Sample copy of the notification to the Prescribed bodies
- 13) Copy of the confirmation notice to the EIA Portal
- 14) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):
 - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary
 - Volume 2: Main EIAR
 - Volume 3: Appendices
 - Volume 4: Photomontages
- 15) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 16) Policy and Planning Report
- 17) CD copy of all application documents
- 18) Application fee to the amount of €100,000 (paid directly to ABP by bank transfer – see confirmation of payment attached).

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely



Helen Burman-Roy,
Malachy Walsh & Partners.