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

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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**Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 37E of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-305260-19)**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find an application on behalf of our client, Drumnahough Wind Farm DAC, for permission in respect of a Proposed wind energy development consisting of up to 12 number turbines and ancillary site works, in the townlands of Tooslenagh, Treankeel, Meenadaura, Carrickalangan, Cark, Killymasny, Meentycat, Meenalaban, Culliagh, Tullyhonour and Aughkeely, Co. Donegal.

The Planning Application follows from pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála regarding whether or not a wind farm of up to 12 no. turbines with an output in excess of 50MW, including 110kV transmission substation, on lands near Drumnahough Mountain, Co. Donegal constitutes strategic infrastructure development, as defined by the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). Having considered the proposal, An Bord Pleanála determined that the proposed development falls within the scope of section 37A and 182A 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 however decided not to pursue the proposed 110kV substation 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 110kV substation will be made, if it is to be progressed.

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

- Twelve (12) No. wind turbines (maximum turbine tip height 167.5m) with associated foundations and crane hardstand areas.
- One (1) No. Permanent Meteorological Mast (110m height) and associated foundation, hardstand area and ancillary main crane hardstand area.



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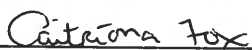
- New and upgraded internal site service roads (3.2km of existing forestry tracks to be upgraded and 7.1km of new internal access tracks to be constructed).
- Underground medium voltage electric cabling systems between turbines within the wind farm site.
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- Minor Upgrading of existing Site Entrance on the L-10142
- Upgrading/ Widening of existing Entrance on the L-1622-1
- New junction off the L-10142 to facilitate construction and access to T1
- Localised upgrading/widening along existing access roads within Meentycat Wind Farm
- Two (2) No. temporary construction site compounds (one approximately 100m x 50m and one approximately 55m x 25m).
- Three (3) No. borrow pits to be used as a source of stone material during construction and for storage of excess excavated peat materials.
- Three (3) No. peat /spoil deposition areas (at borrow pit locations)
- Associated surface water management system.
- Tree felling to facilitate site development.

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
- 4) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 5) Planning application drawings
- 6) Original copy of public newspaper notice published in the Irish Independent
- 7) Original copy of public newspaper notice published in the Donegal Democrat
- 8) Copy of Site Notice in English
- 9) Copy of Site Notice in Irish
- 10) Schedule of Pre-application Consultation
- 11) Copy of the Pre-application Determination
- 12) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 13) Sample copy of the notification to the Prescribed bodies
- 14) Copy of the EIA Portal confirmation notice
- 15) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):
  - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary
  - Volume 2: Main EIAR
  - Volume 3: Appendices
  - Volume 4: Photomontages
- 16) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 17) CD copy of all application documents
- 18) Application fee to the amount of €100,000.

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

Sincerely



**Caitríona Fox**

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