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Planning Section, Waterford County Council, The Mall, Waterford.

**Our Ref:** 170749 **Your Ref:** 

8th of January 2021

Re: Planning Application for a Wind Farm Development (and all associated works) at Lyrenacarriga (and other townlands) County Waterford and Lyremountain (and other townlands) County Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Curns Energy Ltd., please find enclosed a planning application for the proposed construction of a wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) in the townlands of Lyrenacarriga, Dunmoon South, Coolbeggan West, Propoge, Ballycondon Commons, Ballynatray Commons, Shanapollagh and Killea, County Waterford and the townlands of Lyremountain, Lyre, Ballyanthony, Knockanarrig, Breeda, Rearour North and Rearour South, County Cork.

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála to the applicant in correspondence dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 following pre-application consultations with the Board (ABP-301740-18), a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with this letter for completeness.

The development description as per the public notices is as follows:

- *i.* Construction of up to 17 No. wind turbines with a maximum overall blade tip height of up to 150 metres;
- *ii.* 1 no. Meteorological Mast with a maximum height of up to 112 metres;
- *Construction of 1 no. staff welfare and storage facility including waste water holding tank;*
- *iv.* 1 no. permanent 110 kV electrical substation with 2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, 10 no. battery containers, battery switchgear building, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, all associated underground cabling, waste water holding tank and all ancillary works;
- v. Underground cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed substation and connection from the proposed substation to the national grid via a 110 kV loop in connection.
- *vi.* Upgrade of existing tracks, roads and provision of new site access roads and hardstand areas;
- vii. Construction of an access track in the townlands of Breeda and Rearour South to facilitate turbine delivery;

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- viii. Junction improvement works in the townland of Killea to facilitate turbine delivery;
- ix. 3 no. borrow pits;
- x. 2 no. temporary construction compounds;
- xi. Site Drainage;
- xii. Forestry Felling;
- xiii. Signage; and
- xiv. All associated site development works.

This application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application documentation includes a copy of the EIAR Portal Notice. The correspondence issued confirms the EIA portal ID number for the project (2021002) and that that the details have been uploaded onto the Department's portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- > Planning Application Documentation
  - Planning Application Form
  - Site Notice
  - Newspaper Notice
  - EIAR Portal Conformation (2021002)
  - Planning Cover Letters (Waterford City & County Council, Cork County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
  - o Letter of Consent from Relevant Landowners
  - Copy of Notification Letters Sent to Prescribed Bodies
  - o SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00 (Paid by EFT)
  - Planning Application Drawings (See schedule of application form)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
  - Volume 1- EIAR Text including Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
  - o Volume 2- Photomontages
  - Volume 3a- EIAR Appendices 2.1 5.4
  - Volume 3b- EIAR Appendices 7.1 15.1
- > Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Please find 5 hard copies and 5 electronic copies of the planning application pack enclosed with this letter. Furthermore Cork County Council have also received 5 hard copies and 5 electronic copies of the noted planning pack. An Bord Pleanála have received 3 hard copies and 7 electronic copies of the planning documentation also. All prescribed bodies as identified are being provided with application documentation in the format which they have requested. All documentation can also be found at <a href="http://www.lyrenacarrigawindfarm.com">www.lyrenacarrigawindfarm.com</a>.

Please note that the planning drawings are being provided at scales which have been previously agreed with An Bord Pleanála.

I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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