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People of Waterford advised that UPMC are operating a regular schedule during Level 5 restrictions

UPMC Hospitals is advising the people of Waterford that travel for surgical and medical care in our hospitals is permitted under Level 5 Covid 19 guidance, including outpatient services and diagnostics. All our services will continue as normal over the coming weeks and it is important for patients to know that our hospitals are open and operating on a regular schedule during the Level 5 restrictions.

It is important to remind patients that travel for essential purposes, including medical, surgical, outpatient and diagnostic care, is permitted under the guidelines. Should any patients come across Garda Checkpoints, their letter of appointment will suffice to Gardaí that indicates this is essential travel.

Speaking following the introduction of level 5 restrictions, Claire Phelan, Senior Director of Operations at UPMC, said; “We understand that these are worrying times for our patients, but I would like to advise the people of Waterford that UPMC Hospitals will continue to serve patients over the coming period and that it is important for them to know that we are operating a regular service across all of our locations in Waterford,

Cork, Carlow and Kildare. Sometimes confusion can arise due to public hospitals cancelling certain procedures, but in UPMC, our regular schedule will be continued.”

Ms Phelan continued; “I Understand that some patients are unsure of the situation regarding movement from outside their county, however, it is important to note that If they are travelling from outside the county, it is still permitted to proceed to the hospital for any procedures or appointments. Just ensure that you carry your appointment letters to produce at any Garda Checkpoints.”

UPMC are following HSE guidelines and taking every precaution to keep our patients and staff safe and offer this advice to the people of Waterford:

If you are visiting us for an outpatient appointment and driving yourself, please come alone.

If a family member is driving you, please if possible have them drop you off and pick you up.

If you are a patient or a consultant operating out of one of our hospitals and you have a concern, please contact your consultant’s office directly or through the hospital.

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020 Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development County Waterford and County Cork

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Curns Energy Ltd., gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten year permission in relation to the following proposed development 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. The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- 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;
- iii. 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;
- 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 (EIA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies this planning application.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 15th of January 2021 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- The Offices of Waterford City and County Council, The Mall, County Waterford.
- The Offices of Cork County Council, County Hall, Carrigohane, County Cork.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website:
www.lyrenacarrigawindfarm.com

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

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

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 5th of March 2021. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers)

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to ‘A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ at www.pleanala.ie)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to –

- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or
- (ii) 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
- (iii) 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
- (b) Refuse permission to grant the permission/approval

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical Information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Information on cases / Weekly lists – Judicial Review of Planning Decisions. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.