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Ref. 19876.

14th January 2020

Planning Department Kerry County Council County Buildings Rathass Tralee County Kerry

Re: Section 37E Application to An Bord Pleanala for Shronowen Wind Farm, Co Kerry.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are engaged by Shronowen Wind Farm Limited for the preparation of the design, planning and EIA for the above-mentioned proposed wind farm development.

Please find enclosed a CD with a copy of all planning application documentation for the proposed wind farm development located in the townlands of in the townlands of Ballyline West, Coolkeragh, Dromalivaun and Tullamore Co. Kerry.

This project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (An Bord Pleanála Reference. 306727-20). An Bord Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process. In confirming that this project is a Strategic Infrastructure Development project it has identified 19 prescribed bodies that have to be notified in relation to this planning application. Accordingly, we are notifying you that the application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanala on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

The following sets out the description of the proposed development:

- Twelve (12) No. Wind Turbines (maximum turbine tip height 150m) with associated foundations and crane hardstand areas.
- One (1) No. Permanent Meteorological Mast (90m height) and associated foundation and hardstand area.
- New and upgraded internal site service roads (4.43km of existing tracks to be upgraded and 6.85km of new internal access tracks to be constructed).







- Underground 33kV electric cabling systems between turbines within the wind farm site and wind farm substation.
- (Six 6) No. peat deposition areas located across the wind farm site.
- Two (2) No. site entrances one permanent and one temporary.
- 225m underground cable connection from the 110kV wind farm substation to the existing 110kV transmission line due east of the wind farm site.
- One (1) No. proposed 110kV substation including: an outdoor electrical yard, two single storey buildings (one for the system operator and one for the wind farm operator) containing associated facilities (control, switchgear and metering rooms, welfare facilities, workshop and office). Security fencing and all associated works.
- New junction off the L-6021 at the north east of the site to facilitate construction and access.
- New junction off the L-1009 on the west of the site to facilitate construction and access.
- Two (2) No. Temporary construction site compounds (95m x 50m and 55m x 25m in size).
- Associated surface water management systems.
- Tree felling of 3.15ha of conifer trees to facilitate site development.
- Temporary works on sections of the public road network along the turbine delivery route (including hedge or tree cutting, relocation of powerlines/poles, lampposts, signage and local road widening)

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

The CD attached contains the following information:

- Planning application documentation
- Planning application Drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

You are advised that the Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

(a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions,

or

(b) refuse to grant the permission.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 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 or adverse effect on any European site, if the development is carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

The full application is available for viewing and download on the dedicated SID project website at the following address: <a href="https://www.shronowenwindfarmplanning.ie">www.shronowenwindfarmplanning.ie</a>

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned at 066-7123404 or on email at ken.fitzgerald@mwp.ie

Sincerely

Ken Fitzgerald

For and behalf of Malachy Walsh and Partners