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**Our Ref:** **10730-L-SID-001**

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Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage  
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Development Applications Unit)  
Custom House  
Dublin 1  
D01 W6X0

**RE: Castlebanny Wind Farm – Direct Planning Application re:  
Strategic Infrastructure Development.  
Proposed Development of Castlebanny Wind Farm at Castlebanny, Co. Kilkenny**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to inform you that Springfield Renewables Ltd. is applying to An Bord Pleanála for permission for development in respect of the above project. This application is submitted under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). I attach a copy of the public notices.

I also attach a copy of the full planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement.

In considering this application, An Bord Pleanála can decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or
  - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its permission 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 permission.

Any submissions/observations must be made to the Board at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 relating to:

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned;
- (ii) the likely significant effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out;
- (iii) the likely effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

**Directors:** **M. Shelly** (Chairman) **C. McGovern** (Managing Director) **E. Connaughton** (Company Secretary)  
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The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website, [www.castlebannyplanning.ie](http://www.castlebannyplanning.ie), and at the public offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 and Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Co. Kilkenny, R95 A39T.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: Copy of Public Notices  
Planning Application  
Mitigation Measures Document  
Environmental Impact Assessment Report  
Natura Impact Statement

