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Dear Mr Hutton

Notice of Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development (Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 - Onshore Grid Infrastructure)

Please be advised that Sure Partners Limited (SPL) is applying to An Bord Pleanála for permission for development in respect of the Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 – Onshore Grid Infrastructure development, under Section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended.

The proposed development will comprise the Onshore Grid Infrastructure (OGI) including 220kV export circuits and fibre optic cables, from the landfall of the offshore export circuits at Johnstown North, to a proposed new 220kV substation at Shelton Abbey and connection from the new substation to the National Electricity Transmission Network (NETN), and associated ancillary works as described below, with an overall proposed development site area of 65.43 ha. The proposed development will comprise the following elements:

- Landfall for two offshore export cable circuits from the High Water Mark (HWM) to two Transition Joint Bays (TJB) at Johnstown North, located approximately 4.5km northeast of Arklow Harbour,
- Connection by two underground 220kV high voltage alternating current cable circuits, and fibre optic cables over a distance of c. 6km, from the landfall to the new onshore 220kV substation,
- A new onshore 220kV substation, to be located at Shelton Abbey, north of the Avoca River, approximately 2.1km northwest of Arklow town consisting of two connected compounds:
 1. The transmission compound with the infrastructure to physically connect to the NETN, and

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2. The connection compound with the infrastructure to allow the connection of the windfarm in accordance with EirGrid grid code requirements.
- Flood defence improvement works to the existing Avoca River Business Park flood defences located c. 500m west of the substation site;
 - A 220kV overhead line connection from the new 220kV substation at Shelton Abbey to the existing 220kV transmission network located c. 200m from the substation site.

The proposed development is fully described within the planning application documentation, including Public Notices, Planning Drawings, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement. This letter, together with an electronic link to the application documentation is being forwarded to you by email by SPL.

All of this information will also be available to view at the following dedicated website: www.arklowbankwindparkogiplanning.com, as well as on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage EIA Portal, from 5th May 2021.

Please note that An Bord Pleanála, following its consideration of the application can decide to:

- i. approve the proposed development, or
- ii. make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in the approval and approve the proposed development as so modified, or
- iii. approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to such conditions as An Bord Pleanála considers appropriate, or
- iv. refuse to approve the proposed development.

Submission or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 relating to:

- i. the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development,
- ii. the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. the likely significant effects or adverse effect on any European site.

Any submissions/observations must be received by An Bord Pleanála (the Board) not later than 5.30 pm on 24th June, 2021. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- i. The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any,
- ii. The address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- iii. The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- iv. The reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.

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

Yours sincerely
for
Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Ltd t/a Arup



Clodagh O'Donovan
Director