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Dear Sir/Madam,

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

On behalf of the Applicant, Sure Partners Limited, Red Oak South, South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, we hereby submit a planning application under Section 182A(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 Onshore Grid Infrastructure (the proposed development).

The Arklow Bank Wind Park (ABWP) is an offshore wind farm, located off the coast of County Wicklow, on the east coast of Ireland. A Foreshore Lease was granted for the development of a wind park on the Arklow Bank in 2002. Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 1 was constructed in 2003 – 2004. Sure Partners Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of SSE plc, is now proposing to develop the remainder of the ABWP, Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 (the Project). The proposed development comprises the Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 Onshore Grid Infrastructure to be developed as part of the Project.

Approval is sought for the proposed development comprising 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:

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1. The transmission compound with the infrastructure to physically connect to the National Electricity Transmission Network, and
 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 nature and location of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed Public Notice and a complete description is set out in the documentation accompanying the application, including the Planning Drawings, Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS). A list of the application enclosures is provided below. All of this information will also be available to view at the following website: www.arklowbankwindparkogiplanning.com, from 5th May 2021.

Although Section 182A applications do not require the written consent of landowners to accompany the applications, letters of consent to the making of this application, as outlined in the Schedule of Legal Owners appended to the application form, have been included with this application. In due course, the proposed development will be constructed by SPL, subject to the authorisation and consent of the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, pursuant to statutory powers in the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927 (as amended).


We enclose a Confirmation Notice from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage which confirms receipt of satisfactory information relating to the proposed development, and upload of the same to the EIA Portal.

We also confirm that the appropriate application fee has been paid by electronic transfer to An Bord Pleanála.

The proposed development has been formulated through an iterative process, having regard to extensive consultation with relevant parties and informed by environmental and planning considerations and best practice guidelines.

We would ask that all further correspondence in relation to the planning application is directed to this office.

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



Clodagh O'Donovan
Director

Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 – Onshore Grid Infrastructure

List of Planning Application Documents and Drawings

3 no. hard copies and 7 no. electronic copies (Hard Drive) of the following items are included within with application to An Bord Pleanála.

1. SID Application Cover Letter
2. SID Application Form, signed and dated
3. Application fee paid by electronic transfer (confirmation of €100,000 payment enclosed with application)
4. Confirmation Notice from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re provision of required information for its EIA portal
5. Copy of the relevant page of the Irish Independent and the Wicklow People, both published on 21st April 2021, containing the project newspaper Notice, as published on that date
6. Copy of the Site Notice, as erected, on yellow backgrounds at 10 no. locations across the extent of the proposed development, the locations of same being shown on the following drawings accompanying this planning application
 - ONS-LF-001 Landfall Site Location Map
 - ONS-SM-001 Cable Route Map Sheet 1 of 9
 - ONS-SM-002 Cable Route Map Sheet 2 of 9
 - ONS-SM-003 Cable Route Map Sheet 3 of 9
 - ONS-SM-004 Cable Route Map Sheet 4 of 9
 - ONS-SM-005 Cable Route Map Sheet 5 of 9
 - ONS-SM-006 Cable Route Map Sheet 6 of 9
 - ONS-SM-007 Cable Route Map Sheet 7 of 9
 - ONS-SM-008 Cable Route Map Sheet 8 of 9
 - ONS-SM-009 Cable Route Map Sheet 9 of 9
 - ONS-SS-001 Substation Site Location Plan
 - ONS-NC-001 NETN Connection Location Map
7. Letters of consent received to date from the legal owners of the lands in question, as as per the schedule included in the enclosed application form
8. A schedule of Prescribed Bodies to whom the notice of the application and a copy of the application, in accordance with Section 182A (4)(b) of the Act, has been sent
9. Copy of Letter sent to Prescribed Bodies and receipt received from each, as follows:
 - Wicklow County Council
 - Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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- Minister for Environment, Communications and Climate
 - Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
 - National Parks and Wildlife Service – Development Applications Unit
 - Eastern and Midlands Regional Assembly
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland
 - Irish Water
 - Inland Fisheries Ireland
 - An Chomhairle Ealaíon
 - Fáilte Ireland
 - An Taisce
 - Heritage Council
 - Office of Public Works
 - Health and Safety Authority
 - Health Service Executive
10. Environmental Impact Assessment Report, comprising:
- EIAR Volume 1 (Non-Technical Summary)
 - EIAR Volume 2 (Environmental Impact Assessment Report)
 - EIAR Volume 3 (Appendices)
11. Natura Impact Statement
12. Shapefile of the planning boundary (in the required format), provided with the electronic copies of the documents
13. 3 copies at A1 size set of Planning Application Drawings, as per attached Schedule