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ABP Case Number: ABP- 307690-20

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Re: Cover Letter to Planning Application Pack

Direct application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development for Proposed Larger Turbines and Meteorological Masts at Authorised Upperchurch Windfarm, County Tipperary.

Dear Jennifer,

FIND ENCLOSED A PLANNING APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED LARGER TURBINES AND METEROLOGICAL MASTS AT AUTHORISED UPPERCHURCH WINDFARM.

Upperchurch Windfarm (including twenty-two wind turbines and two meteorological masts) is authorised, but not constructed for a location near Upperchurch, Thurles, County Tipperary. *An Bord Pleanála file Ref. PL22.243040; Tipperary County Council file Ref. 13/510003.*

This planning application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála to Ecopower Developments Limited, by notice dated 14th January, 2021 following pre-applications consultations with the Board.

In summary, this Application is a proposal to;

- a) Increase the size of the authorised wind turbines from upto 126.6 meters maximum blade tip height to wind turbines upto 152 meters maximum blade tip height, by increasing the wind turbine hub heights to within a range of between 89 meters and 94 meters in height and increasing the wind turbine rotor diameters to within a range of between 112 meters and 117 meters in diameter;



- b) Amend the height and design of the two previously authorised meteorological masts from tubular tower masts upto 80 meters in height to lattice tower masts upto 93.5 meters in height.

All other elements of the authorised windfarm will remain unchanged. This application is accompanied by Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR 2021) and Natura Impact Statement (AA Report 2021).

The Application Documents are available to view/download on the stand alone project website upperchurchwindfarmamendments.ie.

Eleven Site Notices of the Application, were erected on 6th May, 2021 at the previously authorised site entrances from public roads. Notices have also been published in the Irish Examiner and the Tipperary Star newspapers, both dated 6th May, 2021.

Notice of the application can be found on the EIA Portal hosted by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The EIA Portal ID is 2021084.

Prescribed Bodies were notified on 6th May, 2021 of the making of the Application.

Electronic and hard copies of the full Planning Application Pack were also delivered to Tipperary County Council, Nenagh Office on Friday 7th May, 2021.

I trust that you have all the information you require, if you have any queries on the documents and copies submitted, please contact the undersigned at pk@ecopower.ie or 086 8399 193 or 056 775 0140 (ext. 201).

Yours Sincerely

Philomena Kenealy (director Ecopower Developments Limited)