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Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
 Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála
 in Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development
 Westmeath County Council and Meath County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a ten-year permission in relation to a proposed development in the townlands of Ballagh (Mullingar Rural E.D.), Billistown, Ballynacor, and Bracklin, County Westmeath; and Coolronan, Co. Meath; as follows:-

- i. 9 no. wind turbines with hub height of 104 metres, a rotor diameter of 162 metres and an overall tip height of 185 metres;
- ii. All associated foundations and crane hardstanding areas;
- iii. All associated underground electrical and communications cabling;
- iv. Construction of internal wind farm access tracks and use of, and upgrades to, existing on-site agricultural/forestry tracks and existing site entrance from the L5508 local public road;
- v. 1 no. site control building with a Gross Floor Area of 131 square metres;
- vi. 1 no. free-standing meteorological mast with an overall height of 104 metres;
- vii. 1 no. temporary construction compound;
- viii. Felling of 28 hectares of commercial forestry plantation to facilitate the construction of wind farm infrastructure;
- ix. The storage of excavated material at 2 no. spoil deposition areas;
- x. A 110 kilovolt (kV) 'loop-in/loop-out' Air-Insulated Switchgear (AIS) electrical substation, including 2 no. single-storey control buildings (with a Gross Floor Area of 622 square metres) and all associated electrical equipment, services, lighting, and an electricity storage system within a fenced compound (with a total footprint of 15,400 square metres);
- xi. 6.3 kilometres of 110kV underground electricity lines accompanied by 2.5km of associated access track, 1 no. site entrance from the L5508 public road and 2 no. site entrances from the L80122 public road;
- xii. 2 no. lattice-type end masts with a height of 16 metres to facilitate connection of the proposed electrical substation to the existing 110kV Mullingar-Corduff overhead electricity transmission line;
- xiii. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping and reinstatement works, upgrade works to public roads along the turbine component haul route, the provision of site drainage infrastructure and environmental mitigation measures; and
- xiv. A 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development.

The site of the proposed development has a total area of 275 hectares.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany this planning application.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 11 October 2021 at the following locations:-

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902;
- The Offices of Westmeath County Council, Áras An Chontae, Mount Street, Mullingar, County Westmeath, N91 FH4N; and
- The Offices of Meath County Council, Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan, County Meath, C15 Y291.

The planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement may also be viewed or downloaded on the following website: www.bracklynwindfarmplanning.ie.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board"), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902 during the abovementioned period of seven weeks relating to:-

1. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development; and
2. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development; and
3. The likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on 29 November 2021. Such submissions or observations must also include the following information:-

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating the application should be sent; and
- The subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers).

Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may, at its absolute discretion, hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie).

The Board may in respect of an application for permission/approval decide to:-

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

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

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under order 84 of the Rule of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Information on cases / Weekly lists - Judicial Review of Planning Decisions. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website (www.citizensinformation.ie).



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