



APPENDIX 2-5

**DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
2019 PRE-PLANNING REQUEST
CORRESPONDENCE**



25 November 2019

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Pre-planning application PP5560 for Coillte at Glenard, Inishowen.

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I refer to the pre-planning enquiry submitted by you on the 9th October 2019 in respect of the above referenced proposal.

The proposed development comprises a windfarm development at the above address incorporating 13 – 18 no. turbines.

The position regarding wind energy policy is that following a recent successful high court action challenging the nature of the wind energy policies adopted as part of the County Development Plan 2018-2024 the result is that significant parts of the wind energy policies have been removed from said Development Plan.

The Council has committed to resolving this situation through the initiation of a variation to the County Development Plan in 2019.

In the interim, and having regard to the extent of the lacuna in policy in relation to this matter, proposals that may be brought forward to the Planning Authority would be considered premature pending the completion of the variation process.

I trust this clarifies the position given at your request. This advice is given without prejudice to any decision which the Planning Authority make upon the formal receipt of a planning application, or without prejudice to any report the Council may receive on foot of such application.

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For Senior Executive Planner