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PLANNING NOTICES

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála Strategic Infrastructure Development County Donegal

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Cloghercor Wind Farm Limited, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works within the townlands of Clogherachullion, Cloghercor, Derryloaghan, Aghaveenoge, Castlekeagh Glebe, Darney, Drumard, and Drumnacross Co. Donegal.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of:

- Erection of 19 no. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height range from 149m to 164m, a hub height range from 112m to 125m, and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;
- Construction of new site entrance with access onto the L6483 local road for the construction phase (operational phase maintenance traffic only), and utilisation of a permitted forest entrance (P. Ref. 1951040) to the L6483 as a second entrance to the wind farm for the construction phase;
- Improvements and temporary modifications to 4 no. locations adjacent to the public road to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads and turbine delivery on the R282 and N56 in the townlands of Drumard, Darney, Castlekeagh Glebe and Aghaveenoge, Co. Donegal;
- Construction of an area of temporary hard standing to function as a blade transfer area to facilitate turbine delivery, with associated access to and from the public road R282, in the townland of Drumnacross;
- Construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing;
- Installation of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast with a height of 100m;
- 4 no. borrow pits;
- Construction of new internal site access roads and upgrade of existing site roads, to include passing bays and all associated drainage;
- Construction of drainage and sediment control systems:
 - 1 no. Eriofold control building containing worker welfare facilities and equipment store;
 - 1 no. Independent Power Producer (IPP) control building containing HV switch room, site offices, kitchen facilities, storeroom and toilet amenities;
 - All electrical plant and infrastructure and grid ancillary services equipment;
 - Parking;
 - Lighting;
 - Security Fencing;
 - Wastewater holding tank;
 - Rainwater harvesting equipment;
 - All associated infrastructure and services including site works and signage;
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm substation;
- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, which will be via a loop-in 110 kV underground cable connection (approximately 4.1km cable length) in underground trenches along approximately 3.36km of site road) to the existing 110kV overhead line in the townland of Cloghercor, Co. Donegal, with 2 no. new 16m and 21m high steel lattice end masts at each interface;
- Removal of 13 no. existing wooden polesets and 1 no. steel lattice angle mast between the 2 no. proposed new interface end masts;
- 2 no. watercourse (stream) crossings on the grid connection route;
- All related site works and ancillary development including berms, landscaping, fencing and soil excavation;
- Forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development and any on-site forestry replanting;
- Development of a permanent public car park with seating/picnic tables at the end of the construction phase of the development with a new entrance on the L6483;
- Permanent recreational facilities including marked walking trails along the site access roads, and associated recreation and amenity signage; and
- A 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA), and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected, free of charge or purchased for a specific fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours for a period of 7 weeks commencing on **20 March 2023** at the following locations:

- **The offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 Y9G2**
- **Donegal County Council, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y6Z2**

The planning application may also be viewed on the following website: www.cloghercorwindfarmplanning.com

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (The Board), at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 Y9G2 and may also be made online at www.pleanala.ie during the aforementioned period of 7 weeks relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely significant effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out; (iii) the likely 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 5.30pm on the 08 May 2023 and must 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, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to – (a) (i) grant the permission, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its permission and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified or (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development with or without specified modifications of it, of the foregoing kind and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant permission. The decision to hold an oral hearing on this planning application is at the absolute discretion of An Bord Pleanála.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of the Board (telephone no. 01-8588100). Any 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 Rules 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 Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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An Mocht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú Figra i leith Iarratas Díreach Pleanála chuing an mBord Pleanála Forbairt Bonneagar Stráitéiseigh Contae Dhún na nGall

De réir Ail 37E den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, tugaimid, Cloghercor Wind Farm Limited, fógra go bhfuil sé ar intinn againn iarratas a dhéanamh chuing an mBord Pleanála ar chéad ar feadh tréimhse 10 mbliana, le na ghlúid forbairt a chur i bhfeidhm ar na h-áite seo a leanas: Cloghercor, Derryloaghan, Aghaveenoge, Castlekeagh Glebe, an Darneigh, an Droim Art, agus Droim na Croise, Co. Dhún na nGall.

Cuimsítear na mílte seo leann san fhorbairt atá beartaithe:

- 19 turbin gaoithe a thógáil le hairde iomlán ó thalamh go barr fínn jamne de réimse idir 155m agus 200m san áireamh. Beith trasnornas rótar ag na turbiní gaoithe idir 149m agus 155m san áireamh agus airde moil idir 112m agus 125m san áireamh, agus na bunstruchtúir agus láithreacha cruastréasán gaoimhara a bhaineann le gach turbin ar leith;
- Bealach isteach nua chuing an suíomh a thógáil le rochtain ar an mbothar áitiúil L6483 don chéim tógála (trácht cóntrahála amháin le lim na céime oibríochta), agus bealach isteach foraoise ceadaithe (taq. Pleanála 1951040) chuing an L6483 a tsáil mar bhealach isteach eile le lim na céime tógála;
- Faoibsuáin agus coilgeartuithe sealadacha a dhéanamh i 4 áit in aice leis an mbothar pobli chuing seachadadh ualach naamhgnácha agus seachadadh turbin a éascú ar an R282 agus N56 sna bailte fearainn seo a leanas: an Droim Art, an Darneigh, Castlekeagh Glebe, agus Achadh Dhíobhóg, Co. Dhún na nGall;
- Láthair shealadach cruastréasán a thógáil chuing fadhmú mar áit aistriúcháin chuing seachadadh turbin a éascú, le rochtain gaoimhara chuing agus an mbothar pobli R282 sa thailte fearainn Droim na Croise;
- Pionmhuíonn tógála sealadach amháin (1) le hoidge súimh shealadacha gaoimhara, imistéir pháircéala agus fáil slándála;
- Sultbail crann meiteoreolaíochta amháin (1) a bheith 100 méadar ar airde;
- Ceithre (4) sílce soláthair a fhorbairt ar an láthair;
- Tógáil boithre rochtana imhábhacha nuair nua, uasghrádú ar bhóithre rochtana imhábhacha atá ann cheana, lena n-áirítear bána pestla agus an bonneagar díreána uile lena mbeathn;
- Forbairt lonna imhábhach díreána súimh agus córais rialaithe díreána;
- Tógáil fostaísin leictreach buan 110 kV amháin (1) lena n-áirítear:
 - Forgneamh rialaithe Eriofold amháin (1) ina mbeith saoráid leasa oibríche agus stóras trealamh;
 - Forgneamh rialaithe amháin (1) de chuid Táirgeoir Neamhspleách Cumhachta lena mbeith seomra Iasacháin ardvoltais, oifig súimh, áiseanna oistne, seomra sícras agus leithris;
 - Gach gléasra agus bonneagar leictreach agus trealamh a bhaineann le seirbhísí cumhachta don eangach;
 - Páircéil;
 - Soláit;
 - Fáil Stándála;
 - Ulnar comraíola tuúilúise;
 - Trealamh bailithe báistí;
 - An bonneagar agus seirbhísí gaoimhara go léir, lena n-áirítear oibreacha súimh agus comharthaíochta;
- Na cábail leictreacha agus cumarsáid faoi thalamh uile a nascann na turbiní gaoithe le fostaísin na feirm gaoithe;
- Na hoidreacha go léir a bhaineann le nasc buan na feirm gaoithe beartaithe leis an eangach náisiúna leictreachais a dhéanamh agus a chur i bhfeidhm le 110 kV faoi thalamh i nduichbanna cábala (thart ar 4.1km de cábala dírisí faoi thalamh feadh thart ar 3.36km de bhóthar súimh) chuing an líne bastas 110kV atá ann cheana i mbaile fearainn an Clochar Corr, Co. Dhún na nGall, agus dhá (2) chram cruaich arda láise deiridh 16m agus 21m ag gach comhdeán;
- 13 bhacar cuailí adhmaid atá ann cheana agus crann láitise cruaich uilínne amháin (1) a bheith de idir an dá (2) chram deiridh comhdeán nua atá beartaithe;
- Dhá (2) thrasán srúichrúrsa ar bhealach an naisc leis an eangach;
- Gach obair forbairtáil áirithe agus forbairt choinmdeach lena n-áirítear beirmacha, tírdhreachú, fáil agus tochairtíthreach;
- Leagan foraoise chuing tógáil agus oibríche na forbairtáil beartaithe agus aithniridí foraoise ar an suíomh a éascú;
- Carrchóis buan pobli ina mbeith sílceáir/arboird phríce a fhorbairt ag déireadh céim tógála na forbairtáil agus bealach isteach nua a chur ar an L6483;
- Áiseanna áineasa nuair lena n-áirítear conair sílú marcáilte feadh na boithre rochtana súimh, agus an choinmharthaíocht gaoimhara áineasa agus fóilíochta; agus
- Tá an iarratas seo ag fong cead deich mbliana agus tréimhse oibríocháin 35 bliain ó dháta comisiúnaithe iomlán na thairne gaoithe ar fáil.

Tá Tuasráil ar Mheasúirí Tronchair Trimpéalachta (TMITT) agus Ráiteas Tronchair Náúra (RTN) ag gabháil leis an iarratas seo.

Feadtar an iarratas pleanála, an TMITT agus an RTN a inluchadh saor in aisce nó a cheannach ar tháille shonraithe a íoc (nach rachtáil an táille thar an gcostas réasúrach) chuing den sórt sin a dhéanamh) le lim uaireanna oscailte pobli ar feadh tréimhse seacht seachtaine dar tosach an **20 Márta 2023** ag na láithreacha seo a leanas:

- **Oifig an Bhoird Pleanála, 64 Stráid Mhaolbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, D01 Y9G2**
- **Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chonntae, An Chearnaig, Leifer, Co. Dhún na nGall F93 Y6Z2**

Is féidir feachtair ar an iarratas pleanála ar an suíomh gréasáin seo a leanas freisin: www.cloghercorwindfarmplanning.com Ní féidir aighneachtaí na tuairimí a dhéanamh ach amháin chuing an mBord Pleanála féin ("an Bord") 64 Stráid Mhaolbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 i scríobh nó ar líne ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie le lim na tréimhse thuasluaite de seacht seachtaine maidir le: (i) impleachtaí na forbairtáil beartaithe do pleanáil chuing agus do fhorbairtí inbhuanaithe an imistéir lena mbeathn; (ii) na héifeachtaí dochtúla a bheith ag an bhforbairt a bheartaithe ar an gcomhshuí, má dhéanfar i, agus (iii) na héifeachtaí dochtúla nó éifeachtaí díobhála ar shílane láithreacha Eorpacha, má dhéanfar i.

Ní móf táille €50 (seachtas comhachtaí forordaithe áirithe) a bheith ag gabháil le heon aighneachtáil tuairimí agus ní móf don Bhoird iad a fháil tráth nach déanar na 5.30pm ar an 08 Bealtaine 2023. Cailbhídh aighneachtáil tuairimí dá leithéid an fhaisnéis seo a leanas a bheith leo: (i) ainm an duine a dhéanfaidh an aighneacht nó an tuairim, ainm an duine a ghlomáilonn thar a c(i)peann, má ann dó, agus an seivach post, d'áon choinmheagras a bhaineann leis an tuairim sin; (ii) ábhar na haighneachta nó na tuairim, agus (iii) na cúiseanna, na beirínithe agus na hargóintí na n-íomáin a b'fháil an aighneacht nó an tuairim bunaithe. Ní féidir leis an mBord breithniú a dhéanamh ar aon aighneachtáil nó tuairimí nach gcomhlíonann na ceanglais thuas.

D'fhéadfadh an Bord na cinntí a leanas a dhéanamh, i leith an iarratas ar chéad pleanála: (a) (i) an cead a dheonú, nó (ii) cábail modúitithe a dhéanamh ar an bhforbairt beartaithe a shonrúin sé ina chineadh agus cead a dhéonú i leith na forbairtáil beartaithe ach a mhodúit amháin, nó (iii) cead a dhéonú i leith cuid den fhorbairt beartaithe (fara nó d'éagmáis modhuithe sonraithe uirthi den chineál sin) oibre seo), agus fadairidh aon chinntí thuas a bheith faoi réir nó d'éagmáis comhíolachta, nó (b) d'áil an cead a thabhairt. Tá an cinneadh éisteach ó bheid a réachtáil maidir leis an iarratas pleanála seo go hionlán de rogha ag an mBord Pleanála.

Ba cheart aon fhiosrúcháin i leith phróiseas an iarratas a phlé leis an Rannóg um Infreastruchtúir Stráitéiseach de chuid an Bhoird Pleanála (leir: 01-8588100). D'fhéadfadh duine bailíocht aon chinntí den chineál sin arna dhéanamh ag an mBord a cheistiú i bhithin iarratas ar aithbhreithniú breithniúach, faoi Ordú 84 de Rialacha na nÁiseachtúirí (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 1986, arna leasú ag I.R. Uimh. 691 de 2011), i gcomhairt Áit 50 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Is féidir feacht ar fhaisnéis phríveálach uirthi meicéilic aithbhreithnithe ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird www.pleanala.ie nó ar shuíomh gréasáin na Seirbhíse um Fhaisnéis do Shaozártaigh www.citizensinformation.ie.

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