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**Our Ref:** 10889-04-04

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Your Ref:** 309375-21

The Secretary,  
An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1

**Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development Planning Application  
Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 3, Bellacorick, Co. Mayo**

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of our client Bord na Móna Powergen Ltd. (hereafter referred to as the Applicant), please find enclosed a planning application for a 10-year permission for the proposed construction of a wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) at a site of 2,282ha, within the townlands of Laghtanvack, Croaghaun (also known as Croaghaun West), Moneynieran, Corvoderry, Shanvolahan, Dooleeg More, Shranakilly, Bellacorick and Shanvodinnaun, County Mayo.

This 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 the applicant on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 following pre-application consultation with the Board (Case Number – ABP- 309375-21), a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with this letter for completeness.

A detailed description of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed public notices and a complete description is set out in the application documents. The application includes an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Assessment. The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website: [www.oweninnywindfarmphasethreeplanning.ie](http://www.oweninnywindfarmphasethreeplanning.ie).

The proposed development will constitute the provision of:

- Erection of 18 no. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height of 200m, a rotor diameter of 158m, a hub height of 121m and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;
- Decommissioning and removal of 21 no. existing Bellacorick Wind Farm wind turbines (including tower sections, nacelle, hub, and rotor blades);
- Construction of new internal site access roads, approximately 29,000m in length (permanent and temporary), passing bays, car parking and associated drainage;
- Construction of an amenity route through the site to the existing Visitors Centre with access from a local road off the N59 near Dooleeg;
- 2 no. borrow pits;
- 5 no. peat deposition areas;

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- Installation of 1 No. permanent Meteorological Mast 120m high, and the decommissioning and removal of an existing 100m Meteorological Mast on site;
- 4 no. temporary construction compounds, including material storage, site welfare facilities, and site offices;
- 1 no. 110kV electrical substation compound. The electrical substation will have 2 No. control buildings, a 36m high telecommunications tower, associated electrical plant and equipment and a wastewater holding tank.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed substation;
- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, including a 110kV underground electrical cable from the proposed on-site electrical sub-station to the existing sub-station at Bellacorick;
- All related site works and ancillary development including (but not limited to):
  - Earthworks;
  - Peat management works;
  - Site security;
  - Groundwater and surface water management;
  - Overburden (soils/peat) storage and management; and
  - Site reinstatement, landscaping and erosion control.
- A 10-year planning permission and 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application documentation includes a copy of the EIAR Portal Notice. The correspondence issued confirms the EIA portal ID number for the project (2023050) and that the details have been uploaded onto the Department's portal on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation:
  - Planning Application Form
  - Site Notice
  - Newspaper Notice
  - EIAR Portal Confirmation (2023050)
  - Cover Letters (Mayo County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
  - Letters of Consent from Relevant Landowners
  - Confirmation of SID determination
  - Schedule of Prescribed Bodies and copy of notification letters sent
  - Confirmation of payment of SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000 by EFT
- Planning Application Drawings (see addendum to Application Form which also has schedule and confirmation of suitability of drawing scales)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
  - Volume A- EIAR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
  - Volume B- EIAR Main Report
  - Volume C- EIAR Appendices
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- Mitigation Measures Document

All elements of the proposed development have been considered and are assessed as part of the EIAR and NIS.

Please find 2 hard copies and 8 electronic copies of the planning application pack enclosed with this letter. Mayo County Council has also received 5 hard copies and 2 electronic copies. All prescribed bodies as identified are being provided with application documentation in a digital format, provided on a physical data disc.

I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or need to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to your decision in due course.



Yours sincerely,

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