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**Memorandum
ABP-318723-23**

To: Sorcha Skelly, Senior Executive Officer

S. Skelly 2/2/24

From: Daniel O' Connor, Executive Officer

Alterations to the Cnoc Raithní (Knockranny) Wind Farm (Galway County Council pl. ref. no. 13/829 & ABP ref: 07.243094) comprising 11 wind turbines. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) & Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared & will be submitted to the planning authority with the application.

Knockranny, Ardderroo, Letter, Moycullen, Co. Galway.

Date: 1st February 2024

On 15th December 2023, the Board received a third party appeal from Knockranny Mollycullen Wind farm Action Group, against Galway County Councils decision reg ref.2322, to grant permission with 21 no. conditions for the above-mentioned development. Three further third party appeals were received, on 18th December 2023, from Miare Ni Raghaille, and two on 19th December 2023 from John Rushe, and the other from Ann Hennessy..

The last date for observations on this appeal is 24th January 2024, and for Responses; 6th February 2024.

NIS

A Natura Impact Statement was submitted as part of this appeal. Please find attached NIS recommendation form (light green) to be completed by inspectorate.

EIAR

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) was submitted with the application. An EIAR Recommendations – EIAR submitted form (dark green) attached.

An observation was received from Micheal ORaghaille and Aine Ni Fhagairtaigh on 20th December ()

An observation was received from Marginalised Residents of Doon East on 29th December 2023

An observation was received from Richard Bohan on 22nd January 2024.

I recommend that Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) not be invoked in relation to all three observations. Board to consider same.

The applicants response to the appeals was received on 25th January 2024

I recommend that Section 131 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) not be invoked in relation to the response. Board to consider same.

EIAR uploaded to website.

File herewith for comments.