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- *(iv)* A temporary construction compound;
- (v) A temporary security cabin;
- (vi) A meteorological mast with a height of 30 metres and associated foundation and hard-standing area;
- (vii) A new gated site entrance on the L61461;
- (viii) Junction accommodation works and a new temporary access road off the N83 to the L61461, to facilitate turbine delivery and construction access to the site;
- *(ix)* Upgrade of existing site tracks/ roads and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hardstand areas.
- (x) Upgrade of the existing L61461;
- (xi) Spoil Management;
- (xii) Site Drainage;
- (xiii) Tree and hedgerow removal;



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- (xiv) Biodiversity Enhancement measures (including the planting of natural woodland, hedgerows and species rich grassland for new habitat);
- Operational stage site signage; and (XV)
- All ancillary works and apparatus. (xvi)

A ten-year planning permission is sought.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is 2024045 and that the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
- > > Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with Application Form)
- **Planning Report**
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume 1 Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
 - Volume 2 Photomontage Booklet
 - Volume 3 EIAR Appendices
- > Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

See enclosed 1 No. electronic copy of each document listed above. Galway County Council have received 2 no. hard copies and 2 no. soft copies of the application pack. The application will be available for inspection at the offices of Galway County Council for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 25th March 2024.

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: www.laurclavaghplanning.com.

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (the Board) in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable

development, and

- The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and ii.
- iii. The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of \notin 50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 10th May 2024.

Such submissions/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 to the application should be sent,
- > 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 decide to:

(a) (i) grant the permission, or

(ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its

decision 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 the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be

subject to or without conditions, or

(b) Refuse to grant the permission.

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 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 Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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