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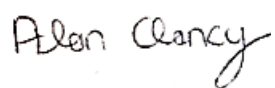
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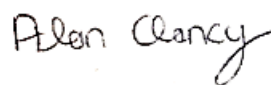
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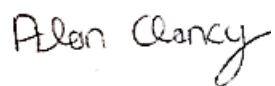
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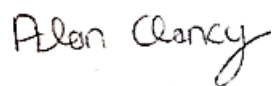
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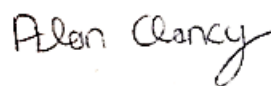
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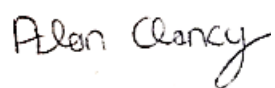
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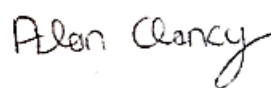
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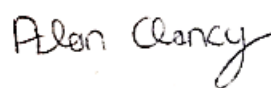
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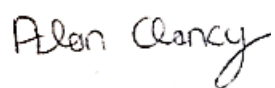
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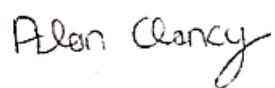
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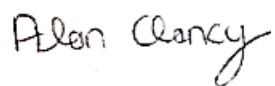
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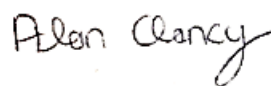
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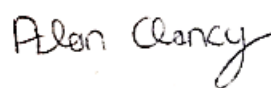
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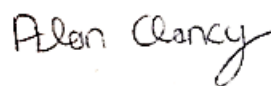
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Our ref: 180740  
Your ref: N/A

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

**Re: Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended – Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for a proposed development in the townlands of Cloonarkan, Clonbern and Laughil, Co. Galway**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Clonberne Windfarm Limited, please find enclosed a copy of a planning application for a renewable energy development in County Galway. The planning application constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID), and the application has therefore been made directly to An Bord Pleanála. You have received a copy of the application as a noted Prescribed Body.

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as ‘Strategic Infrastructure Development’ (SID) under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in correspondence dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 following pre-application consultations with the Board (case reference ABP- 314729-22). A copy of that correspondence is included in the application pack as Appendix 4 to the application forms.

The proposed development as set out in the public notices is as follows:

*The proposed development will consist of the provision of the following:*

- I. Construction of a permanent substation which will comprise of a 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) building, an Independent Power Producer (IPP) compound, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) compound, including 4 no. 18-metre high Lightning Monopoles, welfare facilities, car parking, wastewater holding tank, 36-metre-high Telecommunications Mast, 2.6-metre high palisade fencing, external lighting, underground cabling, and all associated infrastructure and apparatus;*
- II. All works associated with the connection of the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm to the national electricity grid, including the provision of underground electrical cabling (220kV) to the existing Flagford to Cashla 220kV overhead line, in the townland of Laughil;*
- III. The provision of 2 no. loop-in towers, 2 no. gantries within 2 no. cable compounds to facilitate the connection of the proposed substation to the existing Flagford to Cashla 220kV overhead line;*
- IV. Construction of 2 no. gated permanent site entrances off the L6501 Local Road to facilitate access to the proposed development and the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm;*

- V. *Provision of 4 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the underground electrical cabling route and temporary accommodation areas to facilitate underground cabling works;*
- VI. *Provision of a cable access track to facilitate the installation and maintenance of cabling and provide access to the proposed substation;*
- VII. *Reinstatement of the road or track surface above the proposed cabling trench along existing roads and tracks;*
- VIII. *Operational access road to the proposed development and the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm;*
- IX. *Site Drainage;*
- X. *Tree felling and hedgerow removal to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development;*
- XI. *Operational stage site signage; and*
- XII. *All ancillary works and apparatus.*

*The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission. The development subject of this application will facilitate the connection of the proposed 11 no. wind turbine Clonberne Wind Farm to the national electricity grid. A concurrent application in relation to the proposed Clonberne Wind Farm is also being lodged to An Bord Pleanála.*

*An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application.*

As outlined in detail in the accompanying documentation, all elements of the Proposed Project, i.e. the Proposed Wind Farm (subject of a separate Section 37E application) and the Proposed Grid Connection (subject of this Section 182A application), have been assessed as part of the EIAR and NIS lodged.

As the project requires an EIAR the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal under the ID 2024114.

## **Contents of Application**

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
  - Planning Application Form;
  - Letter of consent on behalf of relevant landowners –appended to the planning application form;
  - Copies of cover letters issued to Prescribed Bodies
  - Site Notice (copy, as erected on site on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024)
  - Newspaper Notices – Local Publication: *The Connacht Tribune*, and National Publication: *The Irish Independent* (both publications dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024);
  - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2024114) - included with the planning application form;
  - Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with the planning application form);
- Planning Report
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format;
- 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)

An electronic copy of the planning application pack as outlined above is enclosed with this letter. An Bord Pleanála and Galway County Council have received a copy of the application pack. The application will be available for inspection at the offices of An Bord Pleanála and Galway County Council for a period of 7 weeks commencing on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: <http://www.clonbernegrid.com>

Submissions or Observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (“the Board”) in writing or online at [www.pleanala.ie](http://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
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- (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 €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 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 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)

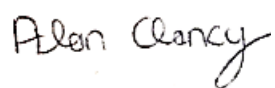
Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board. The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to ‘A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development’ at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)). The Board shall, in respect of an application under section 182A for approval of the proposed development, make its decision within a reasonable period of time and may, in respect of such application:

- (a) approve the proposed development,
- (b) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in the approval and approve the proposed development as so modified,
- (c) approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), or
- (d) refuse to approve the proposed development.

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 Rule 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](http://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](http://www.citizensinformation.ie).

Yours sincerely,



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