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

Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 37E of the Planning and development Act (As Amended)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client Brittas Wind Energy Limited (applicant) please find enclosed a planning application for the construction of a Wind Energy Project within the townlands of Brittas, Rossestown, Clobanna, Brownstown, Killeenleigh, Kilkillahara, Brittasroad, Coolgarrane, Athnid More, Cassestown, Laghtagalla, Farranreigh, Furze, Loughlahan, Ballygammane, Co. Tipperary.

The project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (Ref: ABP-315655-23). An Bord Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process under Section 37A(2)(a),(b) and (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

The Applicant is therefore applying to the Board under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the following:

- 10 No. Wind Turbines with a blade tip height of 180m, hub height range from 102.5 to 105.5m and a rotor diameter range from 149m to 155m;
- 10 No. Wind Turbine foundations and Hardstand areas and associated drainage infrastructure;
- 1 No. Permanent Lidar unit and associated foundation, hardstand area and compound for Meteorological Monitoring;
- 1 No. 110kV Electrical Substation including 2 No. control buildings, electrical plant and equipment, welfare facilities, carparking, water and wastewater holding tanks, security fencing, lightening

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protection and telecommunications masts, security cameras, external lighting and, all associated infrastructure;

- Installation of medium voltage underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed onsite substation and associated ancillary works;
- Installation of approximately 7km of underground electricity and communication cabling between the proposed onsite substation and the nearby existing Thurles 110kV substation in the townland of Ballygammane, Co. Tipperary. The cabling will be laid primarily within the public road and will connect the proposed wind farm to the national grid;
- 4 No. Site Entrances from the public road and associated fencing and signage;
- Construction of new permanent site access tracks, turning heads and associated drainage infrastructure;
- The upgrading of existing access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- 2 No. Temporary construction site compounds and mobile welfare facilities;
- 1 No. Borrow pit and associated drainage infrastructure to be used as a source of stone material during construction;
- Spoil deposition areas;
- Associated surface water management systems;
- Tee felling and hedgerow removal to accommodate wind farm infrastructure;
- Temporary accommodation works at 2 no. locations adjacent to the public road to facilitate delivery
 of turbine components to site within the townlands of Brittas and Brittasroad, Co. Tipperary. The
 works primarily relate to trimming and clearing of vegetation, temporary removal of street
 furniture and fencing, and installation of temporary stone hard standing; and
- All related site works and ancillary development;

The applicant is seeking a ten-year permission and an operational period of no less than 35 years from the date of commissioning of the entire Wind Farm.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies the application. An opinion on unconfirmed details also accompanies the planning application.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner consent letters
- 3) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 4) Planning application drawings
- 5) Newspaper Notices
- 6) Copy of site Notice
- 7) Copy of ABP Meeting Minutes and Schedule of Public Consultation
- 8) Copy of ABP SID Determination
- 9) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 10) Copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- 11) Form No.21 Opinion on unconfirmed details
- 12) Form No.22 Supplementary Information on unconfirmed details

- 13) Statutory Undertaker Letter
- 14) Copy of the confirmation notice to the EIA Portal
- 15) Confirmation of Drawing Scales
- 16) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- 17) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 18) Planning Report
- 19) 8nr Memory sticks with a copy of all application documents
- 20) Shapefile
- 21) Confirmation of payment of Application fee of €100,000

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Caoimhe O'Connor

For and on behalf of MWP