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Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála

Strategic Infrastructure Development

Waterford City and County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we, Futureenergy Scart Mountain Designated Activity Company, give notice of our intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for permission for a period of 10 years, for development comprising the construction of a wind farm and related works within the townlands of Knocknanask, Tooranaraheen, Knocknasheega, Scartmountain, Coolagortboy, Took, Moneygorm, Moneygorm East, Moneygorm West, and Lackenrea, Co. Waterford.

Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in this planning application and an opinion on unconfirmed details from the Board (Case Reference: ABP-319602-24) pursuant to section 287B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) accompanies this planning application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this site notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application.

The proposed development will comprise:

- Erection of 15 no. wind turbines with an overall blade tip height range from 179.5 m to 185 m inclusive, a rotor diameter range from 149 m to 163 m inclusive, a hub height range from 102.5 m to 110.5 m inclusive, and all associated foundations and hard-standing areas in respect of each turbine;
- Permanent upgrade to the existing forest entrance onto the L5055 local road in the townland of Lackenrea to be used as a construction entrance. It will also be used for operational phase access for HGVs only;
- Construction of 6 no. permanent site entrances to form 3 no. local road crossing points to enable site access during construction (on the L5054, L5055 and L1026 in the townlands of Moneygorm, Knocknasheega and Tooranaraheen respectively). The entrance associated with the crossing point on the L5054 will also function as an operational phase access for light vehicles only;
- Temporary improvements and modifications to 1 no. location at the junction of the N72 and the L1027 (known as Boheravaghera Cross or Affane Cross) to facilitate delivery of oversized loads and turbine delivery, in the townland of Crinnaghtaun West, Co. Waterford;
- Construction of 2 no. temporary construction compounds located within the northern and southern ends of the site, with associated temporary site offices, parking areas and security fencing;
- Erection of 1 no. Meteorological Mast of 100 metres above existing ground level for the measuring of meteorological conditions, with a lightning finial extending above the mast;
- 2 no. temporary borrow pits;
- Permanent construction of 11.9 km new internal site access roads and upgrade of 7.2 km existing internal site roads, to include passing bays and all associated drainage, all within the wind farm site;
- Construction of temporary and permanent drainage and sediment control systems;
- Construction of 1 no. permanent 110kV electrical substation including:
 - 1 no. EirGrid control building containing worker welfare facilities and equipment store;
 - 1 no. Independent Power Producer control building containing high voltage switch room, site offices, kitchen facilities, storeroom and toilet amenities.
 - All electrical plant and infrastructure and grid ancillary services equipment;
 - Parking;
 - Lighting;
 - Security Fencing;
 - Wastewater holding tank;
 - Rainwater harvesting equipment;
 - All associated infrastructure and services including site works and signage;
- All related site works and ancillary development including signage, berms, landscaping, and soil excavation;
- Forestry felling (both permanent and temporary) to facilitate construction and operation including biodiversity enhancement measures, of the proposed project and any onsite forestry replanting; and
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm substation.

A 35-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the entire wind farm is being sought for all works (other than temporary and permanent works specified above), and the subsequent decommissioning.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

A separate application to obtain permission for an underground 110kV grid connection to the existing 110kV Dungarvan substation to facilitate the export of power from the wind farm, will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS may be inspected, free of charge or purchased for a specific fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during public opening hours for a period of 10 weeks (inclusive of the statutory 9-day holiday period) commencing on 20th December 2024 at the following locations:

- The Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902**
- The Offices of Waterford City and County Council, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford, X91PK15**

The planning application, including the EIAR and NIS may also be viewed on the following website: www.scartmountainplanning.ie

Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála (The Board), at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 in writing or online on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie during the aforementioned period of 10 weeks (inclusive of the statutory 9-day holiday period) relating to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned; (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out; and (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions or observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board **not later than 5.30pm on the 28th February 2025** and must include the following information; (i) 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; (ii) the subject matter of the submission or observation, and (iii) the reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full. Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the board.

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 it of the foregoing kind), or (b) refuse to grant permission. The decision to hold an oral hearing on this planning application is at the absolute discretion of An Bord Pleanála.

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Section of the Board (telephone no. 01-8588100). Any 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 under the heading “Information on cases / Weekly lists” – Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board's website www.pleanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

Donegal County Council Cloughfin, Castlefinn, Co. Donegal. We, Martin & Eddie Gallen are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Planning Permission and Planning Permission for the following development: (1) Retention Planning Permission for the development of a fuel service station for the commercial sale of fuel, home heating materials and associated goods which includes (a) 5 fuel pumps, associated fuel hoses, (b) relocation of a bundled over ground fuel tank and associated pipework previously approved under planning ref: 11/60077 (c) erection of an existing steel framed awning/ canopy structure, (d) 4 number portacabin structures for the purpose of pump control and sales office, ancillary storage and staff welfare facilities (e) A car wash, 2 no. water storage tanks and a car valeting shed (f) boundary treatment/ fencing, (g) all signage, (h) storm water drainage, oil/ water separator and associated site development works. (2) Retention Planning Permission for the development of a Yard for Storage of Scaffolding Equipment which includes (a) 2 number containers for storage of scaffolding materials (b) all associated site development works and boundary treatment at Cloughfin, Castlefinn, Co. Donegal. (3) Planning Permission to decommission existing septic tank system and provide portable toilet facilities. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its Public Opening Hours at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL. We, Better Value Unlimited Company intend to apply to the above named authority for planning permission for development consisting of: the change of use of Unit 6 from retail warehouse to open comparison retail and amalgamate the unit into Unit 5 (Dunnies Stores) resulting in the increased comparison sales area of unit 5 from 2,447 sqm to 3,092 sqm (uplift of 645 sqm). The access doors of Unit 6 will remain in place but will be closed. Access by the general public to the proposed amalgamated unit would be via the existing Dunnies Stores access in Unit 5. All works associated with the proposed development including the removal of the internal dividing wall at Units 5 and 6, Limerick One Shopping Park, Childers Road, Limerick, Co Limerick. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Limerick City & County Council Offices, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Tipperary County Council. Thomas Murphy intends to apply for planning permission for development at Ardgeeha Lower, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The development will consist of the following: Construction of two new dwelling houses, Renovation works to the existing house, An extension to the existing house, All associated site works. This includes the demolition of existing structures where required and the provision of ancillary facilities as necessary. The planning application will be submitted to Tipperary County Council, and the application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

GALWAY CITY COUNCIL. I, Mark Sheehan, intend to apply for permission for change of use from convenience store with retail use and ancillary off-licence use to a medical clinic and for reconfiguration of the internal layout and provision of integrated ventilation louvres within sections of the top-lights of the windows to the commercial block previously granted under planning permissions ref. 17/30 (ABP-300032-17), 19/368 (ABP-308638-20), 23/23, 23/189 & 24/60074 at Gleann na Mona, on lands west of Ballymoneen Road at the junction with the Western Distributor Road, Knocknacarra, Galway. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, City Hall, College Road, Galway during its public opening hours of Monday – Friday 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee of €20.00 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt, by Galway City Council, of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Galway City Council. We, Boots Retail (Ireland) Limited, INTEND TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION for development at this site at: Boots, 35 Shop Street, Galway, Co. Galway, H91 V025. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CONSIST OF: The removal of existing air conditioning units and ventilation plant on the roof of the property and installation of new high efficiency heat recovery air conditioning units and ancillary equipment on the similar area of the roof. Proposed upstand with exhaust air duct and louvres. All works necessary to remove the existing equipment and install the proposed equipment. The site is located in an Architectural Conservation Area. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, City Hall, College Road, Galway during its public opening hours Monday to Friday (9.00am – 4.00pm). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee of €20.00 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt, by Galway City Council, of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Cork City Council. We, Better Value Unlimited Company intend to apply for permission for development at Dunnies Stores, 105-107 Saint Patrick's Street, Cork, T12 2 P718. The development will consist of: Changes to the department store's shop front on St Patrick's Street: (a) installation of two retractable fabric awnings above the entrance doors (b) installation of three vertical lights (c) placement of three timber planters along the shop front (d) other associated site works and services. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, City Hall, Cork, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee of €20 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions and observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.