



An Bord Pleanála
Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Section
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1

Our Ref: 201050
Your Ref:

10th March 2023

Re: Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Proposed Development in the townlands of Ballynafearagh, Raheen, Baskin High, Baskin Low, Lissanode, Umma Beg or Moneynamanagh, Umma More in County Westmeath

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Umma More Limited of Lissarda Business Park, Lissarda, Cork, please find enclosed a copy of a planning application for the proposed construction of a renewable energy development which will comprise 9 no. wind turbines and associated infrastructure in the townlands of Umma More and adjacent townlands in County Westmeath. The application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála to the applicant in correspondence dated the 16th of August 2022 following pre-application consultations with the Board (ref: ABP-313351-22). A copy of that correspondence is included in the application pack.

The Proposed Development as set out in the public notices is as follows:

- i. 9 No. wind turbines with an overall ground-to-blade tip height of 185 metres; a rotor blade diameter of 162 metres; and hub height of 104 metres, and associated foundations and hard-standing areas;
- ii. A thirty-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the wind farm and subsequent decommissioning;
- iii. A meteorological mast with a height of 30 metres, and associated foundation and hard-standing area;
- iv. Junction accommodation works and temporary access roads to facilitate turbine delivery to an existing entrance on L5365;
- v. Upgrade of existing entrance on L5363 for provision of site entrance;
- vi. Upgrade of existing tracks/roads and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hardstand areas;
- vii. All underground electrical (33kV) and communication cabling;
- viii. A temporary construction compound;
- ix. Spoil Management;
- x. Site Drainage;
- xi. Tree Felling;
- xii. Operational stage site signage; and
- xiii. All ancillary works and apparatus.



A ten-year planning permission is sought.

The Grid Connection, which will be subject to a separate planning application, includes for a 110kV on-site substation compound (2 no. control buildings with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and apparatus, security fencing, underground cabling, waste water holding tank, site drainage and all ancillary works), a temporary construction compound and approximately 31km of underground 110kV electrical cabling connecting the proposed on-site substation to the existing Thornsberry 110kV substation, near Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany this planning application. All elements of the Proposed Development, i.e. the Wind Farm Site and Grid Connection, have been assessed as part of the EIAR lodged.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is 2023029 and the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
 - Planning Application Form
 - Letter of consent from relevant landowners – included with the planning application form
 - Copies of cover letters issued to Prescribed Bodies – included with the planning application form
 - Site Notice (copy, as erected on site on the 9th of March 2023)
 - Newspaper Notices - The Irish Examiner dated 9th March 2023, The Athlone Advertiser dated 9th March 2023
 - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2023029)
- Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with the planning application form)
- 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 (**Appendices 6-5 and 7-7 are Confidential**)
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

The planning application fee of €100,000 has been paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on the 8th of March 2023 (reference: 0KH7GED42FE9DWML Umma More SID)

8 no. electronic copies of the planning application pack and 2 no. paper copies as outlined above are enclosed with this letter, as agreed with An Bord Pleanála. Westmeath County Council and Offaly County Council have received a paper and electronic copy of the application pack. All prescribed bodies as set out in the Board's letter of the 16th of August 2022 have received a copy of the application pack.

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



I trust that the enclosed information is sufficient for your requirements. If however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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