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Re: Substitute Consent Application for the proposed retention in situ of existing development associated with the Derrybrien Wind Farm Development including all at and below ground structures

ACP case ref. SU07.323014

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Authority acknowledges receipt of referral of the above proposed Substitute Consent Application on behalf of Gort Windfarms Limited.

It is proposed to address the proposed development in relation to the provisions of official policy and in relation to national road network maintenance and safety to ensure the proposed development can proceed complementary to the requirements of official policy concerning maintaining the strategic capacity and safety of the national road network in accordance with National Strategic Outcome no. 2 of the National Planning Framework 'Enhanced Regional Accessibility'.

1. Official Policy

The Board will be aware that official policy concerning development management and access to national roads is outlined in the Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines '*Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities*' (DoECLG, 2012).

Section 2.5 of the DoECLG Guidelines sets out policy that seeks to avoid the creation of additional access points from new development or the generation of increased traffic from existing accesses (i.e. non-public road access) to national roads, to which speed limits greater than 50 kph apply.

In that regard, the Authority acknowledges that the application documentation submitted indicates no direct access requirements to the national road network in the first instance.



2. National Road Network Maintenance and Safety

In addition to the above, TII would recommend that any operational issues impacting the national road network related to the subject development proposal would be outlined and addressed. In that regard, it is noted that Section 14.1 of the Remedial EIAR submitted outlines an assessment of the potential Traffic and Transport impacts or effects arising from the Retained Development. TII is satisfied that the submitted information raises no issues to address in relation to national road network maintenance and safety.

TII has no further observations to make in that regard.

2.1 Greenways

In relation to any Greenway or Active Travel proposals in the vicinity of the proposed works, consultation with Galway County Councils own internal project and/or design staff is recommended.

Conclusion

It is requested that the above matters are taken into consideration prior to any decision on the subject application.

The Authority trusts that the foregoing comments prove of assistance to the Board in dealing with this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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