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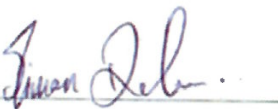
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Attached please find the Nature Conservation recommendations.

Regards,



Simon Dolan

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Planning Ref: ACP-323018-25
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

17 October 2024

Secretary
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
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Via email: laps@pleanala.ie

Re: Notification to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

Proposed Development: Substitute Consent application for the decommissioning of Derrybrien Wind Farm in various townlands in Clare & Galway.

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I refer to correspondence received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

Nature Conservation

These observations are intended to assist you in relation to identifying potential impacts on European sites, other nature conservation sites, and biodiversity and environmental protection in general, in the context of the current proposal involving the carrying out of physical works to decommission specific features of the existing development (the "Prospective Development").

- The NIS states "*In compliance with the Wildlife Acts, 1976-2023, the required clearance will be carried out outside of the bird breeding season and hence active nests will not be affected. However, it is suggested that works could commence in August following a pre-construction survey to determine if any birds are still nesting*".

As Hen harrier may still have young in the nest in early August, the Department recommends that any works which may cause disturbance to the Hen harrier should not be carried out between March 1st and August 15th.

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- The Department recommends the following post-decommissioning monitoring:
 - Any habitat temporarily cleared during the decommissioning phase will be subject to frequent and ongoing monitoring post-clearance to identify the spread or growth of invasive non-native plant species as well as subsequent remediation measures to be implemented as necessary to avoid any associated adverse effects.
 - At the end of the first year following the decommissioning of the Proposed Development, a reassessment of the Proposed Development footprint will be undertaken to assess the habitats and species present and inform any further management requirements.

The Department takes this opportunity to remind the Competent Authority of their obligations under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). Competent national authorities, are to authorise activity only if they have made certain that it will not adversely affect the integrity of a European site and, consequently, not likely to give rise to deterioration or significant disturbances within the meaning of Article 6(2). Any matters raised above should also be considered in the planning policy context for the proposed development, including the protective natural heritage and biodiversity objectives and policies in the Galway County Development Plan.

You are requested to send further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at manager.dau@npws.gov.ie where used, or to the following address:

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