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15th October 2025

Re: ACP Case Number: 323014-25

Response to Submission from Galway County Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. Introduction

On behalf of Gort Windfarms Ltd., I refer to the above case number and in particular to correspondence received from An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) dated 26th September 2025, inviting a response to the copy of a submission received from Galway County Council (GCC) on the aforementioned application for substitute consent. The specific submission is responded to below.

2. Response to GCC Submission

The submission from the planning authority sets out GCC's response in relation to the relevant planning application in accordance with Section 177(2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended). GCC sets out the planning history for the site, the local policy context, as well as noting the inclusion of a remedial Natura Impact Statement (rNIS) and remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report (rEIAR) with the planning application, and that ACP are the Competent Authority for this purpose.

GCC note that they issued Enforcement Notices in respect to the unauthorised windfarm on the 29/08/2024 and 17/06/2025, however, we wish to clarify that an Enforcement Notice under Ref. EN23/235 was issued as dated 17/06/2024, with an amendment later issued as dated 29/08/2024.

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GCC state that should ACP be minded to grant permission for the development, that 3 no. conditions should be considered:

- Condition 1: Gort Windfarms Ltd has no objection to this condition.
- Condition 2: Gort Windfarms Ltd consider this condition to be unnecessary in light of condition 1, which sets out the standard obligation to comply with the plans and particulars lodged with the application.
- Condition 3: Gort Windfarms Ltd has no objection to this condition.

3. Conclusion

In accepting the attachment of conditions as per the submission, Gort Windfarms Ltd. is presuming that ACP will attach standardised conditions that are typically issued by ACP for projects of this nature.

I trust that you have all the required information to progress the assessment of the application. If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned at heather.mcmeel@esb.ie or on 086 176 7511.

Yours sincerely,

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