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9<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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**Description of Development:** Substitute Consent application in relation to the Derrybrien Wind Farm Project located at Coppanagh, Slieveanore, Loughatorick North, Boleyneendorrish, Kilbeg, Toormacnevin, Funshadaun, Derrybrien North, Derrybrien South, Bohaboy, Derrybrien West, Derrybrien East, Derreenamucka, County Galway.

**Applicant:** Gort Windfarms Limited

**ABP Case Number** ABP-308019-20

#### A Chara,

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021, An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') invited the Applicant, Gort Windfarms Limited, under Section 177K(1C)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended) ('the Act') to submit to the Board such information the Applicant considered material for the purposes of the Board satisfying itself on the question of the existence or not of exceptional circumstances that would justify a grant of substitute consent by the Board.

The Applicant responded to that request on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, with a submission setting out this information.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021, the Board requested the Applicant under Section 177K(1D) of the Act to publish a notice in accordance with the regulations; to erect site notices in accordance with the regulations; and to submit to the Board copies of the notices.

In compliance with that request, I can confirm that additional site notices have been erected in accordance with the Board's requirements and an additional notice published in the newspaper.

Please find attached:

- One original copy of a newspaper notice, published 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in the Irish Independent in accordance with the regulations;



- One copy of a site notice, erected on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in accordance with the regulations, at the 17 locations where site notices were erected when this application was made;
- One CD containing a copy of the submission made to the Board on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in pdf format.

I trust the enclosed meets the requirements of the Board at this time.

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**Helen O'Keeffe, BE MRUP MSC MIEI MIPI**  
**Senior Planner, EMP ESB, acting on behalf of Gort Windfarms Limited**  
Email: [REDACTED] Tel: [REDACTED]

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# ADDITIONAL SITE NOTICE: APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR SUBSTITUTE CONSENT

**An Bord Pleanála ('the Board') reference number of the application: ABP-308019-20**

Gort Windfarms Limited, have applied for substitute consent for development at this site in the townlands of Coppanagh, Slieveanore, Loughatorick North, Boleyneendorrish, Kilbeg, Toormacnevin, Funshadaun, Derrybrien North, Derrybrien South, Bohaboy, Derrybrien West, Derrybrien East, Derreenamucka, County Galway.

The development consists of the constructed (1) Derrybrien wind farm and all on-site development works; (2) a 110kV electricity grid connection; (3) all ancillary works associated with the construction of those elements – including all works carried out in response to a peat slide event that occurred during construction; and the continued operation of the elements listed above. The development is located on a 514 Hectare site. Item (1) – Derrybrien wind farm, comprises 70 No. Vestas V52-850 kW wind turbines (with a hub height of up to 49m, a blade length of 26m, and overall height of up to 75m), accessways and service roads, borrow pits / quarries, peat repositories, 2 No. 49m high anemometer masts, a 110kV / 20kV substation (Derrybrien Substation - comprising a fenced compound housing control buildings, outdoor electrical plant and equipment) and all associated ancillary works. Item (2) - the 110kV electricity grid connection consisting of overhead electrical lines [comprising the 7.8 km long Derrybrien-Agannygal 110kV line connecting Derrybrien Substation with Agannygal Substation, and an overhead connection from Agannygal Substation to the pre-existing Ennis-Shannonbridge 110kV overhead line] with overhead electrical conductor supported by a total of 45 No. support structures (34 No. double wooden polesets, 4 No. end masts, 6 No. angle masts and 1 No. intermediate mast), and Agannygal 110kV Substation [comprising a fenced compound housing control buildings, outdoor electrical plant and equipment]. Item (3) - ancillary works carried out include: tree felling, the development of temporary and permanent accessways, temporary construction works sites and all works carried out in response to a peat slide event that occurred in October 2003 including: engineering and drainage works, construction of in-stream barrages, development of borrow pits / quarries and peat repositories and works to access roads, roads and bridges. The application relates to development which comprises or is for the purposes of an activity requiring a waste licence.

Additional information has been furnished to An Bord Pleanála in accordance with an invitation under Section 177K(1C) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The application for substitute consent is accompanied by a remedial Environmental Impact Assessment Report (rEIAR) and a remedial Natura Impact Statement (rNIS).

Submissions or observations may be made on the application, to An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, without charge. Submissions or observations must be in writing and made within the period of **5 weeks** beginning on the date of receipt by An Bord Pleanála of copies of the further newspaper and site notice, and such submissions and observations will be considered by An Bord Pleanála in making a decision on the application.

An Bord Pleanála may grant the consent subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant it.

The application for consent and the accompanying documentation, including additional information furnished to An Bord Pleanála following an invitation made under section 177K(1C) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of An Bord Pleanála or the Planning Authority - Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, County Galway during its public opening hours, and is available on the internet website of An Bord Pleanála.

Signed:  Helen O'Keeffe BE MRUP MSc MIEI MIPI, Senior Planner (Agent)

ESB Engineering & Major Projects, One Dublin Airport Central, Dublin Airport, Cloghran, Co. Dublin, K67 XF72.

Date of erection of additional site notice: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021



**ADDITIONAL NEWSPAPER NOTICE: APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA FOR SUBSTITUTE  
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