

Ref: 22156/CO

26th January 2024

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1

Re: **Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 37E of the Planning and development Act (As Amended)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client Ballycar Green Energy Ltd. (the applicant), please find enclosed a planning application for the construction of a Wind Energy project in County Clare. The proposed development includes 12 wind turbines, an electrical substation, met mast, access tracks, borrow pits, deposition area, and grid connection. It is envisaged that the project will exceed a 50-megawatt (MW) capacity scale. The proposed development is located within the townlands of Cappateemore East, Ballycannan West, Ballycannan East, Ballycar South, Ballycar North and Glennagross (orse Glenagross, Glennacross).

The project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (Ref: ABP-312193-21). An Bord Pleanála has determined that this proposed project falls within the Strategic Infrastructure Development consent process under Section 37A(2)(a), (b) and (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

The Applicant is therefore applying to the Board under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the following:

- 12 No. Wind Turbines (blade tip height up to 158m). Eleven of the turbines will have a hub height of 90m and a blade length of 68m and one turbine (T10) will have a hub height of 82m and a blade length of 68m.
- 12 No. Wind Turbine foundations and hardstand areas.
- 1 No. Permanent Meteorological Mast (90m height) and foundation and associated hardstand areas.
- 1 No. Electrical Substation (110kV) including associated ancillary buildings, security fencing and all associated works.
- 2 No. Developed Site Entrances, one temporary entrance to facilitate construction traffic and one permanent entrance.
- New and upgraded internal site access tracks.
- Provision of an on-site Visitor cabin and parking.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the proposed turbines to the proposed onsite substation.
- Laying of approximately 1.5km of underground electricity cabling to facilitate the connection to the national grid from the proposed onsite substation to connect to an existing 110kV overhead line.
- Temporary works on sections of the public road network along the turbine delivery route (including hedge or tree cutting, relocation of powerlines/poles, lampposts, signage, and local road widening).
- 1 No. Temporary construction site compound and additional mobile welfare unit.
- 1 No. Borrow pit to be used as a source of stone material during construction.
- 3 No. spoil deposition areas (one at borrow pit location).
- Associated surface water management systems.
- Tree felling for wind farm infrastructure.

The applicant is seeking a ten-year permission and an operational period of no less than 35 years from the date of commissioning the Wind Farm.

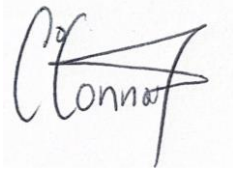
An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompany the application.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner consent letters
- 3) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 4) Planning application drawings
- 5) Newspaper notice (Irish Independent – Dated 26th January 2024)
- 6) Newspaper notice (Clare Champion – Dated 26th January 2024)
- 7) Copy of site Notice
- 8) Copy of pre-application Determination
- 9) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 10) Sample copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- 11) Copy of the confirmation notice to the EIA Portal
- 12) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- 13) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 14) Planning Report
- 15) 8 no. USB Memory sticks with a copy of all application documents
- 16) Confirmation of payment of Application fee of €100,000

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caoimhe O'Connor'. The signature is stylized with a large 'C' and a long horizontal stroke.

Caoimhe O'Connor

for and on behalf of MWP