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Planning Section Cork County Council County Hall Carrigrohane Road Cork T12 R2NC

Our Ref: P20-099/Lett/CL/MG

11 December 2020

Re: Planning Application for a Wind Farm Development (and all associated works) at Glashaboy North, Coom (Hudson), Tooreen South, Killeagh, Coom (Fitzgerald), Knuttery, Mullenaboree, Knockacullata, Knoppoge, Carrig, Glannasack, Knockdoorty, Lackendarragh North, Glashaboy South, Toorgarrif, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly South and Grange West, County Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Coom Green Energy Park Limited, please find enclosed a planning application for the proposed construction of a wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) in the townlands of Glashaboy North, Coom (Hudson), Tooreen South, Killeagh, Coom (Fitzgerald), Knuttery, Mullenaboree, Knockacullata, Knoppoge, Carrig, Glannasack, Knockdoorty, Lackendarragh North, Glashaboy South, Toorgarrif, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly South and Grange West, County Cork.

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.

This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála to the applicant on the 4th of November 2019.

Following pre-application consultations with the Board (Case Number ABP-303322-18), a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with this letter for completeness. The development description as per the public notices is as follows:

In accordance with section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Coom Green Energy Park Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for a 10 year permission in relation to the following proposed development in the townlands of Glashaboy North, Coom (Hudson), Tooreen South, Killeagh, Coom (Fitzgerald), Knuttery, Mullenaboree, Knockacullata, Knoppoge, Carrig, Glannasack, Knockdoorty, Lackendarragh North, Glashaboy South, Toorgarrif, Castleblagh, Ballyhooly South and Grange West, County Cork.

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The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- The construction of up to 22 no. wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 169 metres and a maximum rotor diameter of 138 metres and ancillary works including hardstanding areas;
- Upgrade of existing site tracks and the construction of new site tracks and associated drainage infrastructure both permanent and temporary;
- 3 no. on site borrow pits and associated ancillary infrastructure within the townlands of Tooreen South, Mullenaboree and Lackendarragh North;
- Construction of up to 2 no. onsite electrical substations including control buildings and electrical plant and equipment, a battery energy storage facility, welfare facilities, carparking and waste water holding tanks within the townlands of Knockacullata and Lackendarragh North;
- 3 no. Temporary construction site compounds and associated ancillary infrastructure including parking within the townlands of Tooreen South, Knockdoorty and Lackendarragh North;
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling within private lands connecting the wind turbines to the 2no. proposed on-site substation;
- Upgrade of existing access junctions for temporary construction access from the local roads, L-1219-0 and L-1501 within the townlands of Tooreen South and Lackendarragh North;
- Permanent access junctions; from the local road L-1219-0 within the townland of Tooreen South, and from the local road L-1501 within the townland of Lackendarragh North.
- Erection of 2no. permanent meteorological masts with a maximum height of 100 m for the measuring of metrological conditions within the townlands of Tooreen South and Knoppoge;
- Temporary accommodation works at 5 no. locations to facilitate delivery of abnormal loads on the public road within the townlands of Grange West, Ballyhooly South, Glashaboy South and Castleblagh. These works will primarily relate to the cutting back of hedgerows and lowering of boundary walls and the temporary installation of hardcore including an off-site turning area;
- All related site works and ancillary development including landscaping and drainage;
- A 10 year planning permission and 30 year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application documentation includes a copy of the EIAR Portal Notice. The correspondence issued confirms the EIA portal ID number for the project (2020206) and that the details have been uploaded onto the Department's portal.

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The following documents are included in the application pack:

Planning Application Documentation

- Planning Application Form
- Site Notice, erected 11 December 2020
- Newspaper Notices in Irish Independent and Evening Echo dated 10 December 2020
- EIAR Portal Conformation (2020206)
- Planning Cover Letters (Cork County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
- Letters of Consent from Relevant Landowners
- Copy of Notification Letters Sent to Prescribed Bodies
- SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00 (Paid by EFT)

Planning Application Drawings (See schedule of application form)

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)

- Volume 1- Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
- Volume 2- EIAR
- Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
- Volume 4- Photomontages

Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

Please find 5 hard copies and 2 electronic copies of the planning application pack enclosed with this letter. An Bord Pleanála have also received 3 hard copies and 7 electronic copies also. All prescribed bodies as identified are being provided with application documentation in the format which they have requested.

I trust that you have all the information you require to progress the application. If, however, you have any queries or require to discuss any matter in detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Crystal Leiker, Planner for and on behalf of **Fehily Timoney and Company**

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