



Westmeath County Council
Planning Department,
Áras An Chontae,
Mount Street,
Mullingar,
N91 FH4N

Our Ref: 201050
Your Ref:

10th March 2023

Re: Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended - Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Proposed Development in the townlands of Ballynafearagh, Raheen, Baskin High, Baskin Low, Lissanode, Umma Beg or Moneynamanagh, Umma More in County Westmeath

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Umma More Ltd. please find enclosed a copy of a planning application for a renewable energy development in County Westmeath. The planning application constitutes Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) and the application has therefore been made directly to An Bord Pleanála. You have received a copy of the application as a noted Prescribed Body. The Proposed Development consists of:

- i. 9 No. wind turbines with an overall ground-to-blade tip height of 185 metres; a rotor blade diameter of 162 metres; and hub height of 104 metres, and associated foundations and hard-standing areas;
- ii. A thirty-year operational life from the date of full commissioning of the wind farm and subsequent decommissioning;
- iii. A meteorological mast with a height of 30 metres, and associated foundation and hard-standing area;
- iv. Junction accommodation works and temporary access roads to facilitate turbine delivery to an existing entrance on L5363.
- v. Upgrade of existing entrance on L5363 for provision of site entrance;
- vi. Upgrade of existing tracks/ roads and provision of new site access roads, junctions and hardstand areas;
- vii. Underground electrical (33kV) and communications cabling;
- viii. A temporary construction compound;
- ix. Spoil Management;
- x. Site Drainage;
- xi. Tree Felling;
- xii. Operational stage site signage; and
- xiii. All ancillary works and apparatus.

A ten-year planning permission is sought.



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

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is 2023029 and that the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
 - Planning Application Form
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Notices - The Irish Examiner, The Athlone Advertiser
 - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: 2023029)
- Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with Application Form)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
 - Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet
 - Volume 3 – EIAR Appendices (**Appendices 6-5 and 7-7 are Confidential**)
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

An electronic copy and paper copy of the planning application pack as outlined above is enclosed with this letter. An Bord Pleanála and Westmeath County Council have received a copy of the application pack. The application will also be available for inspection at the offices of An Bord Pleanála for a period of seven weeks commencing on the 16th of March 2023.

All documentation associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: www.ummamoreplanning.com

Submissions or observations **may be made only to An Bord Pleanála** (“the Board”) in writing or online at www.pleanala.ie, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to:

- i. The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- ii. The likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and
- iii. The likely effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 (except for certain prescribed bodies) and must be received by the Board not later than 5.30 p.m. on the 4th of May 2023.

Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- The name of the person making the submission or observation, the name of the person acting on his or her behalf, if any, and the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent,
- The subject matter of the submission or observation, and
- The reasons, consideration and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full (Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, refers)



Any submissions or observations which do not comply with the above requirements cannot be considered by the Board.

The Board may at its absolute discretion hold an oral hearing on the application (refer to 'A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development' at www.pleanala.ie). The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a) (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or
 - (iii) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) Refuse to grant the permission

Any enquiries relating to the application process should be directed to the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section of An Bord Pleanála (Tel. 01-8588100).

A person may question the validity of any such decision of the Board by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No. 15 of 1986, as amended by S.I. No. 691 of 2011), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical Information on the review mechanism can be accessed on the Boards website (www.pleanala.ie) under the following heading: Legal Notices – Judicial Review Notice. This information is also available on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie

Yours sincerely,



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