

Ref: CO/23318

12th December 2024

Tipperary County Council,
Civic Offices,
Nenagh,
Co. Tipperary

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

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are engaged by Brittas Wind Energy Limited. (applicant) for the preparation of the design, planning and EIAR for a proposed Wind Energy Project within the townlands Brittas, Rossestown, Clobanna, Brownstown, Killeenleigh, Kilkillahara, Brittasroad, Coolgarrane, Athnid More, Cassestown, Laghtagalla, Farranreigh, Furze, Loughlahan, Ballygammane, Co. Tipperary.

The project has been the subject of a Pre-application Stage consultation for Strategic Infrastructure with An Bord Pleanála (Ref: ABP-315655-23). 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.

The following sets out the description of the proposed development:

- 10 No. Wind Turbines with a blade tip height of 180m, hub height range from 102.5 to 105.5m and a rotor diameter range from 149m to 155m;
- 10 No. Wind Turbine foundations and Hardstand areas and associated drainage infrastructure;
- 1 No. Permanent Lidar unit and associated foundation, hardstand area and compound for Meteorological Monitoring;
- 1 No. 110kV Electrical Substation including 2 No. control buildings, electrical plant and equipment, welfare facilities, carparking, water and wastewater holding tanks, security fencing, lightning protection and telecommunications masts, security cameras, external lighting and, all associated infrastructure;

- Installation of medium voltage underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed onsite substation and associated ancillary works;
- Installation of approximately 7km of underground electricity and communication cabling between the proposed onsite substation and the nearby existing Thurles 110kV substation in the townland of Ballygammane, Co. Tipperary. The cabling will be laid primarily within the public road and will connect the proposed wind farm to the national grid;
- 4 No. Site Entrances from the public road and associated fencing and signage;
- Construction of new permanent site access tracks, turning heads and associated drainage infrastructure;
- The upgrading of existing access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure;
- 2 No. Temporary construction site compounds and mobile welfare facilities;
- 1 No. Borrow pit and associated drainage infrastructure to be used as a source of stone material during construction;
- Spoil deposition areas;
- Associated surface water management systems;
- Tree felling and hedgerow removal to accommodate wind farm infrastructure;
- Temporary accommodation works at 2 no. locations adjacent to the public road to facilitate delivery of turbine components to site within the townlands of Brittas and Brittasroad, Co. Tipperary. The works primarily relate to trimming and clearing of vegetation, temporary removal of street furniture and fencing, and installation of temporary stone hard standing; and
- All related site works and ancillary development;

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

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in relation to the project and accompanies the application. An opinion on unconfirmed details accompanies also the planning application.

Please find enclosed 3 No. hard copies and 2 No. soft copies of the application. The application may be viewed/downloaded on the following dedicated SID project website www.brittaswindfarmplanning.ie commencing on the **17th of December 2024**.

As required by An Bord Pleanála, you are requested to keep this planning application available for public inspection/purchase from the **17th of December 2024** in accordance with the terms of the public notice.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the **14th of February 2025**.

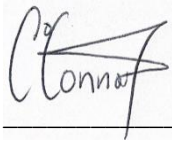
The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner consent letters
- 3) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 4) Planning application drawings

- 5) Newspaper Notices
- 6) Copy of site Notice
- 7) Copy of ABP Meeting Minutes and Schedule of Public Consultation
- 8) Copy of ABP SID Determination
- 9) Schedule of Prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application has been sent
- 10) Copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- 11) Form No.21 Opinion on unconfirmed details
- 12) Form No.22 Supplementary Information on unconfirmed details
- 13) Statutory Undertaker Letter
- 14) Copy of the confirmation notice to the EIA Portal
- 15) Confirmation of Drawing Scales
- 16) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
- 17) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 18) Planning Report
- 19) 2nr Memory sticks with a copy of all application documents

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

Yours sincerely,



Caoimhe O'Connor

For and on behalf of MWP