

The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
64, Marlborough Street  
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Dublin 1 D01 V902

Our Ref: P21-288/Lett/TB/MG

30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Re: Request for further information in relation to planning application for a 10-year permission for the construction of up to 22 wind turbines and all related site works and ancillary 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. ABP Case Number: ABP-308885-20**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Coom Green Energy Park Limited, in response to a request for further information from An Bord Pleanála dated 28 September 2021, please find the following documents enclosed (3 no. hard copies and 1 no. electronic copy):

- Request for Further Information Response Report (Main Report)
- Appendix 1: Response to Request for Further Information Item 1: Details of Proposed Turbines
- Appendix 2: Response to Request for Further Information Item 10: Response to Third Party Submissions and Observations
- Appendix 3: Revised Natura Impact Statement
- Appendix 4: Mapping and Referenced Figures
- Appendix 5: Conservation and Habitat Management (CHMP) Report
- Appendix 6: FCSL Impact on ILS Flight Inspection Report
- Appendix 7: Aviation Impact Assessment Report
- Appendix 8: Site Entrance Sightline Field Survey Sheets

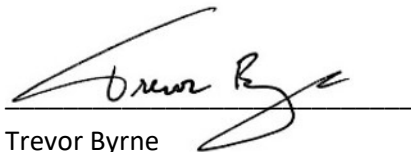
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The developer would like to make the Board aware of the grid connection application date for the project, a key milestone for the development. EirGrid's Enduring Connection Policy (ECP2.3) is due to open in September 2022 and is only open for grid applications for one month. In order to qualify for this process a project is required to have a successful grant of planning. We appreciate the complexities involved with assessing a project of this scale and our hope is, of course, for a positive decision from the Board but we wish to make you aware of the potential impact to the project if a decision is delayed beyond September of this year. EirGrid have not published a timeline for the next application window beyond September 2022 so this project will face a significant delay (at least 1 year) if it is not able to apply for the ECP2.3 process. Recent world events has given a renewed impetus on providing indigenous forms of energy as a key strategic concern for Ireland and the EU. In a recent communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament REPowerEU: Joint European Action for more affordable, secure and sustainable energy called on member states to enable faster permitting of projects as having "overriding public interest and in the interest of public safety."

To reiterate, we appreciate the complexities a project of this scale requires appropriate scrutiny for the Board to be able to make a decision but would request extra efforts are taken by the Board for a decision to be arrived at ahead of the September 2022 ECP2.3 application window.

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,



Trevor Byrne

for and on behalf of **Fehily Timoney and Company**

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