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PUBLIC NOTICES

Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) Notice of Direct Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála In Respect of a Strategic Infrastructure Development Donegal County Council

In accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited gives notice of its intention to make an application for a ten year planning permission to An Bord Pleanála for development comprising the reworking of the existing operational Bannamore Windfarm and related works as set out below in the townlands of Keadew Upper, Cullinbooy and Clogher, County Donegal.

The proposed development will constitute the provision of the following:

- Proposed Development at the existing Bannamore Windfarm site, Keadew Upper and Cullinbooy, Co. Donegal:**
- (i) Decommissioning and removal of 23 no. existing wind turbines and reinstatement of the redundant site infrastructure including site roads of 600m in length;
 - (ii) Construction and erection of up to 13 no. wind turbines each with maximum overall ground to blade tip heights of up to 180 metres and associated crane hardstandings and wind turbine foundations;
 - (iii) Upgrade of the existing site access roads and provision of 180m of new site access road;
 - (iv) Upgrade of the existing Goleagh 110KV electrical substation and compound to include for an expansion of the footprint to accommodate an Efield control building, a new IPP control building, car parking, grid transformer, 110KV cable chair, outdoor electrical plant and equipment, security boundary and perimeter fencing, wastewater holding tanks, groundwater well and the removal of the existing overhead line connection and demolition of the existing IPP control building;
 - (v) Upgrade works associated with the existing 110KV grid connection including the undergrounding of a 1.15 km section of the existing 110KV overhead power line, the construction of a new cable interface tower on the existing Goleagh Tse 110KV overhead line, underground cable connection from the new interface tower on the existing interface tower to the upgraded Goleagh Substation and removal of the existing site access track from the new cable 1 no. permanent meteorological mast up to 30 m in height, including a foundation, underground power and communication cabling and security fencing;
 - (vi) Temporary Contractors Construction Compound;
 - (vii) Site drainage network;
 - (viii) Internal wind farm underground power and communications cabling;
 - (ix) A 15 Megawatt Energy Storage Facility and associated electrical plant, equipment and security fencing; and
 - (x) All associated site development and ancillary works.

Proposed Development at the existing Goleagh Tse Grid Connection, Clogher, Co. Donegal:

- (i) Upgrade works associated with the existing 110KV grid connection including the construction of a new Cable Interface Tower under the existing Goleagh Tse 110KV overhead line, underground cable connection from the new interface tower to Clogher 110KV GIS Substation, removal of the hard tee-connection between Cahaleen's Fall 110KV overhead line and Cahaleen's Fall-Goleagh Tse 110KV OHL, removal of the existing end mast tower and termination of the existing conductor to the new proposed cable interface tower;
- (ii) All associated site development and ancillary works.

Proposed Development on the L-2095-6/L-2015-1 Junction and the L-2015-1 Local Road, County Donegal:

- (i) Widening of the L-2095-6/L-2015-1 junction to accommodate the delivery of turbine components along with the relocation of an existing electricity/telecommunications pole;
- (ii) Widening of the L-2015-1 road to accommodate the delivery of turbine components;
- (iii) All associated site development and ancillary works.

This application is seeking a ten-year permission and an operational period that is not time limited, or no less than 40 years. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The proposed development has the potential to have significant effects on the environment of Northern Ireland. The planning application, EIA and NIS may be inspected free of charge or purchased on payment of a specified fee (which fee shall not exceed the reasonable cost of making such a copy) during public opening hours for a period of seven weeks commencing on 6th January 2020 at the following locations:

- the Offices of An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.
- the Offices of Donegal County Council, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal.

The application may also be viewed/downloaded on the following website: www.bannamorewindfarm.com. Submissions or observations may be made only to An Bord Pleanála ("the Board") 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 significant effects or adverse effects on the integrity of 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 24th of February 2020. Such submissions/observations must also include the following information:

- I. 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;
- II. the subject matter of the submission or observation; and
- III. the reasons, considerations 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. (For further details please see A Guide to Public Participation in Strategic Infrastructure Development, on the Board's website www.abplanala.ie.)

The Board may in respect of an application for permission decide to:

- (a) grant the permission; or
- (b) 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
- (c) grant permission in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind); and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions.

(d) 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: 01-5588100). 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), in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. Practical information on the review mechanism can be accessed under the heading "Information on cases / Weekly lists - Judicial Review of planning decisions, on the Board's website www.abplanala.ie or on the Citizens Information Service website www.citizensinformation.ie.

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