OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL

SITE NOTICE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DIRECTIVE III (RED III) DEVELOPMENT

We, Cush Wind Limited, intend to apply for planning permission for a period of ten years at this site in the townlands of Galros East, Whigsborough, Ballycollin, and Eglish, County Offaly.

The proposed development (to be known as 'Cush Wind Farm Phase II') for which planning permission is sought will comprise:

I. Three (3 no.) wind turbines with an overall ground-to-blade tip height ranging from 199.1 metres to 200 metres, a rotor diameter ranging from 158 metres to 175 metres, and a hub height ranging from 111.6 metres to 120.9 metres;

II. Associated turbine foundations, crane hardstanding areas and temporary turbine component storage and assembly areas;

III. Approximately 1.7 kilometres of new internal wind farm access tracks;

IV. An electrical switch room building with a gross floor area of approximately 96.2 square metres, within a compound of approximately 429 square metres, enclosed by approximately 2.6 metre high palisade fencing and gates;

V. Underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the proposed turbines to the adjoining permitted Cush Wind Farm (An Coimisiún Pleanála Reference ABP-318816-24) and to the proposed electrical switch room;

VI. One (1 no.) site entrance from the L300321 local road to serve the electrical switch room;

VII. Use of the construction phase site entrance from the N62 national road, the operation phase site entrance from the L300321 local road, and the temporary construction compounds permitted as part of Cush Wind Farm;

VIII. All associated and ancillary site development, excavation, construction, landscaping, spoil deposition and reinstatement works, including the provision of site drainage infrastructure and environmental mitigation measures; and

IX. A 35-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the entire proposed development.

The site of the proposed development has a total area of approximately 87 hectares.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompany the planning application. The EIAR and NIS also assess the proposed development in combination with the following off-site associated infrastructure and works:

- A grid connection comprising approximately 5 kilometres of 33 kV underground electricity line connecting the proposed electrical switch room in Eglish to the national electricity network, through the townlands of Eglish, Ballynaguilsha, Shanacloon, Cloncarban, Clonbeale Beg Glebe and Mullanafawnia, County Offaly.
- Accommodation works along the turbine component haul route from the Port of Galway to the wind farm site, through counties Galway, Roscommon, Westmeath and Offaly, via the N6, M6, N52 and N62.

This development is covered by the provisions of the Renewable Energy Directive III (Directive (EU) 2023/2413) and it is important to note that the planning application may be subject to section 34D of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. When a notice issues in accordance with section 34D(b), the provisions of article 26A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2025 shall apply.

Certain details of the proposed development are unconfirmed in the planning application. The application is accompanied by an opinion on unconfirmed details issued by Offaly County Council (Reference: FMR 2602) under section 32I(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The unconfirmed details are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The dimension ranges within which these details will fall are specified in this notice.

The planning application, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement, may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at Áras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, County Offaly, R35 F893, during its public opening hours.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20, within the period of—

(a) 5 weeks, or
(b) 2 weeks, in the case of a planning application for small-scale solar energy equipment development or development that is the installation of a small-scale non-ground source heat pump,

beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The five week period applies to this application.

The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Signed:

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