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Kilkenny County Council
County Hall
John Street
Kilkenny

**RE: Castlebanny Wind Farm – Direct Planning Application re Strategic Infrastructure Development.
Proposed Development of Castlebanny Wind Farm at Castlebanny, Co. Kilkenny.**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to inform you that Springfield Renewables Ltd., is applying to An Bord Pleanála for permission for development in respect of the above project. This application is submitted under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). I attach a copy of the public notices.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), the application documentation includes a copy of the EIA Portal Notice. The correspondence issued confirms the EIA portal ID number for the project (2021021) and that the details have been uploaded onto the Department's portal on 26/01/2021.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
 - Planning Application Form
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Notice
 - Planning Cover Letters (Kilkenny County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
 - Details of legal owners and relevant legal interest
 - Statutory Undertaker - Springfield Renewable Ltd.
 - List of Prescribed Bodies and SID Determination
 - Copy of a Notification Letter Sent to Prescribed Bodies
 - EIAR Portal Confirmation (2021021)
 - EFT Confirmation of transfer of SID Planning Application Fee (€100,000)
- Mitigation Measures document
- Planning Application Drawings (See schedule in application form)
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume I and II- EIAR Text including Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
 - Volume III- EIAR Appendices
 - Volume IV- Photomontages

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➤ Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

As required by An Bord Pleanála, 5 hard copies and 2 electronic of the full planning application, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement are enclosed.

Also as required by An Bord Pleanála, you are hereby requested to keep this planning application available for public inspection/purchase in accordance with the terms of the public notice (copy enclosed with this letter). It is the Board's intention that all of the application documentation will remain available for public inspection during the currency of this application.

In considering this application, An Bord Pleanála can decide to:

- (a); (i) grant the permission, or
 - (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its permission 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 it of the foregoing kind and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or
- (b) refuse to grant permission.

Any submissions/observations must be made to the Board at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902 relating to:

- (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area concerned;
- (ii) the likely significant effects on the environment of the proposed development if carried out;
- (iii) the likely effects of the proposed development on a European Site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30pm on the 26th March 2021.

A detailed description of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed public notices and a complete description is set out in the application. The application includes an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and a Natura Impact Assessment. The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website: www.castlebannyplanning.ie and the public offices of An Bord Pleanála, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl: Copy of public notices.
Planning Application
Mitigation Measures document
Environmental Impact Assessment Report
Natura Impact Statement.

