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SID Department, An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough St., Rotunda, Dublin 1
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RE: *Case No. ABP-309306-21 – The construction of 21 wind turbines and ancillary works at Castlebanny, Co. Kilkenny.*

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Springfield Renewables Limited, please find enclosed a response to the request for Further Information received from An Bord Pleanála (issued on the 10th August 2021, and extension granted via letter on the 30th August, 2021) in relation to the application Case No. ABP-309306-21 – The construction of 21 wind turbines and ancillary works at Castlebanny, Co. Kilkenny.

Please find enclosed three hard copies and one electronic copy of:

- A main response document that addresses each point raised on the request for Further Information, along with its appendices (note: separate photomontage booklets also included form Appendix 1 of this).
- Two updated drawings at A1 size (10730-2032 and 10730-2037)

The 2021 Climate Action Plan was published in November 2021. It *provides a detailed plan for taking decisive action to achieve a 51% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting us on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050, as committed to in the Programme for Government and set out in the Climate Act 2021.* Section 11.2 of the plan includes the target of Increasing the share of electricity demand generated from renewable sources to up to 80% by 2030. The National Development Plan 2021-2030 was published in October 2021, and it also commits to increasing the share of renewable electricity up to 80% by 2030, marking a significant increase from the previously stated 70%. This highlights the need for large scale renewable energy developments, including onshore wind, to be developed in Ireland, and this proposed project would make a significant contribution towards achieving that target.

Should the Board have any outstanding concerns or queries in relation to the proposed development, we would be happy to address same.

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Encl: Main response document (3 no. copies)

Two revised drawings (10730-2032 and 10730-2037) at A1 size. (3 no. copies)

USB stick with electronic copies of documents above

Cover letter

