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Proposed Ballyhorgan Wind Farm – Information Update

Dear _____,

I hope this finds you well. Based on available information we understand that you are the registered owner of the property marked H_____ on the enclosed map.

I am writing to you with an update regarding the proposed Ballyhorgan Wind Farm. You may already be aware that An Bord Pleanála issued their decision on the planning appeal case in December 2021. The Board decided to grant permission for a reduced number of wind turbines resulting in a 7-turbine wind farm, with turbine numbers T6, T8 & T9 omitted from the original proposal. Please find enclosed a map illustrating the permitted turbine locations in relation to your property, H_____, the map indicates the houses within 2km of the turbines. This information and all further updates will also be available on the dedicated project website www.ballyhorganinfo.com to inform the wider community.

The wind farm is being developed by Stacks Mountain Windfarm Ltd., an associated company of Enerco Energy Ltd based near Macroom, Co. Cork, in case you are not already familiar with Enerco the enclosed leaflet provides more information about us and on wind energy in general.

Significantly, the Ballyhorgan project has applied to enter the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme known as RESS 2. Under the RESS guidance there is a dedicated community fund of €2/MWh of the electricity generated. In this case, should the project be successful in its application to enter the RESS scheme, the fund available to the local community would be in the order of €150,000 per annum for fifteen years. The following is a summary of how the fund could be administered based on the current RESS guidance,

- A) Minimum €1,000 shall be paid to all households located within 1 km of the proposed turbines.
- B) Minimum of 40% of the funds shall be paid to not-for-profit community enterprises.
- C) Maximum of 10% of the funds may be spent on administration to ensure successful outcomes and good governance.
- D) The balance of the funds shall be spent on initiatives successful in the annual application process, as proposed by clubs and societies and similar not-for-profit entities and on “near neighbour payments” for households located between 1 to 2 km from the RESS project.



Regardless of whether the project qualifies for RESS or not, we intend to honour the commitment of an annual community payment of €100,000, included in the revised planning application documentation in June 2020, following discussion with the local community at that time.

There is a lot of work to get through before construction commences on site, such as detailed design and planning condition compliance. We are in the process of getting on with preparing for commencement of construction and we will be in touch again, once we have a realistic programme established. The main purpose of this letter is to introduce myself so that you have a point of contact for any queries in relation to the project and to get you thinking on ideas for the proposed community benefit fund.

I would welcome any queries or questions you may have relating to the project and would appreciate your feedback in relation to the community benefit fund. Please feel free to contact me, either by email ballyhorganclo@turnkeydev.com, by phone 086-1427399, or through the 'contact us' portal on the website www.ballyhorganinfo.com. I look forward to meeting you at some stage as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely,

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