



## **Carnsore** Wind Farm

**Hibernian Wind Power Ltd** 

23rd June 2021

Re: Proposed Extension of Operation of Carnsore Wind Farm, Carnsore Point, Co. Wexford

Dear Householder,

I am writing to inform you of a proposed extension of operation to the Carnsore Wind Farm, located at Carnsore Point, Co. Wexford. This letter is being sent by Hibernian Wind Power Ltd. to all members of the community within a 2 km radius of the site.

Hibernian Wind Power intend to apply to Wexford County Council for planning permission to extend the operational period of the existing wind farm for an additional 15 years, as the current planning permission is set to expire in August 2022. The wind farm has been owned, operated and maintained by Hibernian Wind Power since its commissioning in 2002.

The existing wind farm consists of a total of 14 No. turbines, with a 75 m blade tip-height (height from ground level) and a rated generating capacity of 12 megawatts (MW) for the site. The current development also incorporates 3.7 km of internal access roads, a substation and a meteorological mast. The wind farm development lands cover approximately 80 hectares with a development footprint of circa 4.5 hectares. No significant changes to the existing wind farm development are proposed and there will be no new construction on the site. The wind farm grounds will remain unchanged and use of the land as pasture and rough grazing will continue.

In order to comply with planning legislation, an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is required to be prepared and submitted as part of the new planning application. McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan (MKO) have been appointed as Environmental Consultants for the project and will manage the production of the EIAR. This report will describe the current state of the environment and assess potential future impacts to the environment relating to the proposed extension of operation of the wind farm. The assessment process will serve to ensure that the surrounding environment continues to be unaffected by the wind farm development. Topics covered in the EIAR include Noise, Shadow Flicker, Landscape and Visual Impacts, Biodiversity, Ornithology, and Air and Climate.

Due to prevailing COVID-19 public health measures, an in-person public information event in the community is not possible. Project information will however be displayed on the project website <a href="https://www.carnsorewindfarm.ie">www.carnsorewindfarm.ie</a> which will go live when the planning application is being submitted.

I have enclosed a site layout map of the current wind farm development. It is anticipated to submit the planning application to Wexford County Council in July and once submitted, the application documentation will be available to view online via the Wexford County Council planning portal. We will also make the application documentation available on the project website.

If you have any comments, difficulty accessing information, or questions relating to the proposed project please contact me by email at <a href="mailto:CarnsoreWF@esb.ie">CarnsoreWF@esb.ie</a> or by writing to the above address.

Yours sincerely,

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