

Re: Proposed Derryadd Wind Farm Project Update

Dear Resident,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with an update on the proposed Derryadd Wind Farm project and associated planning application.

Due to the announcement by way of press release on the 13th of June 2017, by the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Simon Coveney T.D, and the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten T.D., stating that they have developed a Preferred Draft Approach to wind energy development in Ireland, Bord na Móna decided to delay the submission of the planning application for the proposed Derryadd Wind Farm. The Company considered the information made available within the press release as well as the subsequent "Information Note" issued as to how this draft approach might influence the planning application for the proposed Derryadd Wind Farm.

The Preferred Draft Approach has four key aspects which include:

1. The application of a more stringent noise limit
2. A visual amenity setback of four times the turbine height between a wind turbine and the nearest residential property, subject to a mandatory minimum distance of 500 metres.
3. Elimination of shadow flicker
4. Introduction of new obligations in relation to engagement with local communities by wind farm developers.

Based on review of this information, the Company has decided to incorporate elements of these aspects into the design for the proposed wind farm at this stage and will revisit the wind farm design and layout. The revised layout will review height of turbines, setback distances and the proposed location of the turbines against the new draft criteria outlined in the Preferred Draft Approach. It is envisaged that the Company will be a position to provide an update on a revised layout by the end of the year. The proposed substation locations and entrances will not change location.

Prior to the issue of the Preferred Draft Approach the estimated planning application date for the development was the end of August 2017. It is now envisaged that the planning application date will now be delayed until April 2018. We will continue to keep you updated on any developments in this area.

Yours Faithfully



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