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Dear Resident

My name is Kieran O'Byrne and I work with RWE Renewables Ireland Limited (RWE). I am writing to you to let you know that RWE is currently investigating the possible development of a wind farm near Ballincor, bordering in Co. Offaly and Co. Tipperary.



The Irish Governments Climate Action Plan sets a roadmap for taking decisive action to halve our country's carbon emissions by 2030 and reach net zero carbon emissions no later than 2050. The science is indisputable and the effects of climate change are already clear. The Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP23) is the second update to Ireland's Climate Action Plan 2019. Among the measures in the plan is to increase the proportion of renewable electricity to up to 80% by 2030. This will require a doubling of the amount of onshore wind currently built in Ireland. While offshore wind will play a part, onshore wind is still fundamental to the decarbonisation of the electricity market in Ireland.

The proposed Ballincor Wind Farm will help Ireland meet these CAP23 targets and generate renewable energy, displace thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide over its lifetime and lead to cheaper electricity and energy security. The RWE Development Team has identified an initial study area for the proposed Ballincor Wind Farm that is envisaged to cater for up to 12 turbines with an estimated capacity of up to 84MW. Each turbine could be 180 metres high (from the turbine base to the top of the turbine blade, when blades are in an upright position).

The proposed wind farm is located approximately 2km southeast of Carrig, Co. Tipperary, 7km south of Birr, County Offaly and 4km north of Shinrone County Offaly. The study area comprises lands at Ballincor, Curralanty, Cloonaheen, Co. Offaly and Clonfree, Casteltown, Cronekill, Kilenamuck, Co. Tipperary and measures approximately 530 hectares.

The accompanying brochure provides you with details about the proposed project, outlines why the area around Ballincor is being considered, and the community benefits that may arise from the proposed Ballincor Wind Farm. We believe that involving local people from the start is the best way to make sure the wind farm is sensitively designed and brings real benefits to the area, while generating clean, green renewable energy.

RWE is beginning an initial 8 week consultation with local residents in and around the proposed Ballincor Wind Farm study area. We will be calling to each of you to discuss any questions or concerns you might have about the project. Alternatively if you want to make an appointment with us, please feel free to contact me on my **mobile 087 151 9219** or the office at **056 771 5782** or by email at Ballincor@rwe.com, or by post at Ballincor Wind Farm Project, RWE Renewables Ireland Limited, Unit 5 Desart House, Lower New Street, Kilkenny, R95 H488. Feedback received from this first stage of the consultation will help inform the design of the proposed wind farm. Once RWE has incorporated the feedback into the project, the development team will reach out to the community with further updates.

Please have a look at the information in the brochure enclosed or on the project website at www.rwe.com/Ballincor and I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

Kind regards

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