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Ref: Information on the Proposed Clooncunny Wind Farm

Dear Resident,

We reached out to the community last July to let you know that RWE was investigating the possible development of a wind farm in the Clooncunny area in Co. Sligo. At the time we looked at the potential of a wind farm of 53MW and up to 8 turbines. We called to approximately 170 homes within 2.5km of the proposed wind farm and we got to meet with people from almost half of the homes. We have had follow up calls and meetings with more since then. We would like to give you a short update as to our progress on the development.

The team has undertaken the ecological surveys and engineering studies that form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will accompany the planning application for the proposal. These surveys and studies have informed the proposed draft site layout. We are now proposing a wind farm of 46MW and 7 turbines. We have approximate locations of these turbines and access point. Please find enclosed a map of the proposed turbine locations and proposed access route to and from the site. We plan on visiting each home in the area over the next few days, to meet with as many people as we can, face to face.

Later in the year we will be in touch again as we propose to hold a drop in clinic to allow residents to talk with the wider RWE Development team directly and hear from us with further details about the proposed wind farm. Our intention is to submit a planning application to Sligo County Council and we will be in touch again after the clinic when we are ready to submit the application.

The proposed Clooncunny Wind Farm will help Ireland meet our Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP23) targets and generate renewable energy, displace thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide over its lifetime and lead to cheaper electricity and energy security. Among the measures proposed in CAP 21 is the plan to increase the proportion of renewable electricity 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 project webpage www.rwe.com/clooncunny has been updated with more information in response to the queries raised during the consultation process so far.

As ever, I would be delighted to hear from you as we progress through this engagement process. If you have any questions about the project at any stage, please feel free to contact me on my mobile **087 151 9219** or by email at clooncunny@rwe.com. You can write to me at RWE Renewables Ireland Limited, Desart House, Lower New Street, Co. Kilkenny R95 H488.

Many thanks for your time and I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

Kind regards

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