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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 development of a wind farm in the Shancloon area in Co. Galway.



The Government's Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP23) is a roadmap to enable Ireland cut emissions and protect us from the devastating consequences of climate change. Among the measures proposed is an increase in 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 fundamental to the decarbonisation of the electricity market in Ireland.

The proposed Shancloon Wind Farm will help Ireland meet the 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 team has identified an initial study area for the proposed wind farm that is envisaged to hold up to 13 turbines with an estimated capacity of up to 85.8MW. Each turbine is proposed to be up to 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 12km West of Tuam and approximately 8.5km North-East of Headford. The study area measures approximately 689 hectares and is in an area open to consideration for wind farms, in the Galway Renewable Energy Strategy. The majority of the proposed wind farm study area is agricultural and cutover bog. These land uses could continue with a wind farm development at the site.

The accompanying brochure provides you with some details about the proposed project and outlines the community benefits that may arise from the proposed wind farm. We believe that involving local residents 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 renewable energy.

RWE is beginning an initial eight week consultation with residents in and around the Shancloon Wind Farm study area. I will be calling to each of you personally to discuss any questions or concerns you might have about the project. Alternatively if you want to make an appointment with the team, please feel free to contact me on my mobile 087 151 9219 or the office at 056 771 5782 or by email at shancloon@rwe.com, or you can write to me at Shancloon 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 proposed 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/shancloon and I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

Kind regards

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