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Ref: Information on the Proposed Shancloon Wind Farm

Dear Resident,

We reached out to the community in September with a short note saying that we were still working through the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and that the Design works were ongoing. At that time we also said that we had submitted a pre-application consultation request for Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) determination to An Bord Pleanála (ABP). We said we would be back to the community with a further update on the proposed wind farm later in the year.

We have since met with ABP for a second time, with a view to obtaining a determination into whether the project meets the criteria for an SID. We hope to have a final decision after Christmas from the Bord. Should ABP confirm the project meets the criteria for SID, the project will be submitted directly to them. In the event that the project does not meet their criteria for SID, then the project will be submitted to Galway Co. Co.

When we reached out to the community in March and September we were investigating the potential of installing 13 turbines on the site. Following extensive detailed engineering and environmental studies, we have now selected 11 turbine locations which are presented on the map attached. These locations are being progressed through the full Environmental Impact Assessment. The proposed turbines are up to 180m in height, with an installed capacity of between 6 and 6.6MW. It is anticipated that the planning application will be lodged in Q1 2024. This project, as currently proposed, will generate sufficient electricity for up to 85,000 homes.

We are going door to door today and over the next few days to discuss the proposed wind farm with residents. We also hope to organise a drop in clinic next year when we will have more information to discuss with you before we go to final planning on the project.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has submitted feedback and questions during the public consultations conducted to date and I look forward to meeting you again hopefully before the end of the year, or early next year.

Kind regards,

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