

Bord na Móna Powergen
Main Street
Newbridge
Co. Kildare
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Ref: Proposed Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 3

Dear Resident,

The purpose of this communication is to provide you with an update on the proposed Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 3. Following on from the project information pack you received in June 2020, we have progressed the project design and have now produced a draft wind turbine layout for the proposed development (see enclosed map).

The draft layout consists of:

- 18 wind turbines with an overall blade tip height of up to 200 metres above ground level. Within this size envelope, various configurations of hub height, rotor diameter, and tip height may be used. Should the project be consented the exact make and model of the turbine will be dictated by a competitive tender process, but it will not exceed a maximum tip height of 200 metres above ground level.
- A substation to facilitate access to the National Grid for the proposed development (*see enclosed layout map for proposed location*).
- A minimum setback distance of four times turbine tip height has been applied – 800 metres. This is in line with the “*Draft Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines*” published in December 2019 which state that “*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*” should apply to wind energy developments. The distance to the nearest house from a turbine on the enclosed draft layout is over 1km.

Under normal circumstances, at this stage of the project, we would be holding Community Engagement Sessions in the locality to discuss the draft layout with you. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have had to postpone the Sessions we had envisaged to hold in December.

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The Company hopes to be in a position (*subject to Covid-19 restrictions*) to hold these Sessions in the locality in January 2021. To ensure that all social distancing requirements, HSE and Government health guidelines are adhered to, it is envisaged that these clinics will be held **by appointment only**. We will communicate further details with you regarding these Sessions once they have been organised. In the meantime, if you would like to provisionally put your name down for an appointment, please contact me on 086 8106583.

In the meantime, please find enclosed a detailed project information pack in relation to the proposed development including:

1. Project Information Brochure
2. A2 double sided map - outlining the draft layout for the proposed development.
3. A feedback sheet and freepost envelope - should you wish to submit any comments on the draft layout.

For further information on the project, including a digital copy of the draft layout please log onto www.oweninnywindfarmphasethree.ie.

Please be assured that I will continue to make every effort to continue to engage with you about the proposed development as it progresses through the pre-planning phase. I will communicate key project updates with you as they occur.

In the meantime, I would like to extend best wishes to you during these challenging times and hope you stay safe and well.

Yours Faithfully,

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