



FuturEnergy Ireland

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Dear Homeowner,

I hope all is well with you and your family following what has been a difficult two years in the Covid-19 pandemic.

The purpose of this letter is three-fold. Firstly, to inform you that a new joint venture company, **FuturEnergy Ireland**, was announced in late November 2021. The new company is owned by Coillte and ESB on a 50:50 basis and now manages the portfolio of wind energy projects which has been under active development by Coillte across Ireland in recent years.

This collaboration combines the State's strongest assets in onshore renewable energy development. FuturEnergy Ireland's ambition is to develop more than 1GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and make a significant contribution to Ireland's Climate Action Plan (2021). The Government's Climate Action Plan has set a challenging target of generating 80% of our nation's electricity requirements through renewable energy by 2030 and FuturEnergy Ireland is well placed to drive this ambition.

Coillte's involvement in the proposed **Cahermurphy 2 Wind Farm** project has transferred to FuturEnergy Ireland, and it will continue to be progressed in collaboration with our co-development partner MCRE Windfarm Ltd (Mid Clare Renewables). Please be assured that the project team remains the same, there are no changes to commitments made and most importantly your local contacts remain the same. All updates and contact information can be found on the dedicated project website www.cahermurphy2windfarm.ie.

Secondly, we would like to update you on the project's progression. As you may be aware, the planning application is currently with An Bord Pleanála and recent communication suggests a decision should be forthcoming this calendar year. In the interim we continue to monitor the site and its climatic conditions, and we have now reached the stage where the installation of a meteorological mast (also known as a met mast) is required. A met mast measures and records the wind speed, wind direction and climatic conditions at a range of heights and is used to model the wind flow across the site. The height of the temporary met

mast will be 80 metres and does not require planning permission under planning and development regulations.

Finally, we would also like to take this opportunity to seek expressions of interest from near neighbours (residents within 2km), local representatives or community activists in the formation of a community benefit fund committee. Based on our current proposal, a Community Benefit Fund of €2 per MWh (megawatt hour) of energy exported from the project would be available to benefit near neighbours and the local community. This contribution has been mandated by the Government under the Renewable Energy Support Scheme (RESS).

Based on RESS, we estimate that the value of this fund is likely to be circa. €300,000 per annum for 15 years. In addition, the project developers commit to funding a further €1 per MWh annually for the remaining lifetime of the wind farm, equating to an estimated €150,000 a year. The energy assessments currently underway will assist us in further quantifying the value of this funding.

As always, we are happy to answer any questions. Project Manager Charlie Langley can be contacted on 086 887 3866 or Pdraig Howard on 087 818 7548. Alternatively, you can send a text message requesting a call back or simply text "name" and the words "please keep me updated" and your details will be added to our contact list. All text messages will receive a reply letting you know that your message has been acknowledged.

Yours sincerely,

Padraig Howard

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