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Cush Wind Farm, Clondargan, Stradone, Co. Cavan H12NV06

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Dear Homeowner,

Community Consultation Clinics for The Proposed Cush Wind Farm

Galetech Energy Developments Ltd., Co.Cavan, are progressing their development plans for a proposed wind farm in the townland of Cush, Co.Offaly.

The Cush wind farm project is a proposed wind energy development of up to 11 wind turbines with a typical output of approximately 6 -8 Megawatts per turbine of renewable energy – enough to provide approximately 46,483 Irish Households with green energy every year.

We are grateful for your engagement with us to date through the engagement on door to door in February 2022 & in October 2022.

We are now happy to provide further consultation opportunities by providing a clinic starting on 25th January. This clinic will be held via appointment basis while observing all social distancing arrangements.

The Venue, Dates and Times for consultation clinics are as follows:

Birr Golf Club - Wednesday 25th January 2023 - 2pm and 8 pm

County Arms Hotel – Thursday 26th January 2023 - 12 noon – 8pm

It is important to book your appointment by ringing our **freephone number: 1800 140 247** and **state your preferred date and time.** We will abide with all restrictions imposed as per Government regulations. Additional clinics will be arranged if and when required. There will be hand sanitiser and face masks provided at each venue for our clinics and social distancing measures will also be strictly adhered to.

We also continue to engage via:

• The freephone number 1800 140 247, which you can dial free of charge to request a call back from the project team.

• We also commit to post regular updates on our project website at www.cushwindfarm.ie

As part of our pre planning and planning process, we will continue to engage and consult fully with all the community. We appeal to the local community again to have their say at this stage of the development to maximise the project benefits to the neighbouring community.

The Cush Wind Farm draft layout currently includes sections of Coillte property in its proposal in addition to other third party lands. If you have any Coillte related queries about the proposal, please contact lsinfo@coillte.ie

This project will create up to 110 jobs during the construction phase and will also provide a substantial community benefit fund each year to help support local community projects and proximity payments to households within a 2km radius. The total fund will be approximately €466,000 per year for 15 years (Approximately €42,000 per turbine)*. The substantial community fund will be administered in accordance with Wind Energy Ireland (WEI) best practice and grants will be made available after one year of wind farm operation.

To register your interest or if you have any queries regarding these funds, please contact us on clo@cushwindfarm.ie or 087 1163978.

Cush wind farm will play its part in assisting in Ireland's commitment to increase its renewable energy sources in the post 2020 period, with the Government pledging to generate 80% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030 forming part of the new climate action plan.

We're at a design stage and want to engage with the local community of the proposed site and beyond.

We look forward to hearing from you and meeting you at the clinic,

Yours faithfully,

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*The community fund is calculated in accordance with the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) terms and conditions at ≤ 2 per MWh of electricity produced by the project. This is to be made available to the local community for the duration of the RESS (15 years). The figures are approximate and based on a 11 turbine layout