



07<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**RE: Proposed Umma More Renewable Energy Development**

Dear Householder,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wish to update you on progress regarding the Umma More Renewable Energy Development.

The project lead consultant, MKO, has completed the preparation of the necessary documentation to accompany the planning application, based on the information that was presented at the Public Information Evenings in August & September 2022. The proposal will include 9 no. turbines with an overall ground to turbine blade tip height of 185m, a hub height of 104m and a rotor blade diameter of 162m. The proposed turbines will be connected to the grid via an on-site substation and underground cabling connection to Thornsberry Substation near Tullamore, Co. Offaly, however the grid connection works will be subject to a separate planning application as confirmed by An Bord Pleanála, ABP-313352-22.

It is anticipated that the planning application for the turbines and associated infrastructure will be lodged by the end of this week, it will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Whilst the Grid Connection works will be subject to a separate planning application in accordance with Section 182B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, the works will be fully considered in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) which will accompany the Section 37E planning application.

A public notice, about the planning application, will appear in this week's edition of the Athlone Advertiser and in the Irish Examiner on the same day, see a copy of the detailed development description which is due to appear in the newspaper overleaf for your information. Public site notices will also be erected at selected locations surrounding the site and we will run an ad in the Westmeath Independent to inform the wider community about the imminent planning application.

Once the planning application has been lodged, a link to the planning application documentation, will be provided on the project website, [www.ummamoreinfo.com](http://www.ummamoreinfo.com). Should you have any difficulties accessing this information, please contact me and I will assist you.

I would like to thank the local community for the positive engagement received to date and I remain available to discuss any queries regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me. I am available by email at [ummamoreclo@turnkeydev.com](mailto:ummamoreclo@turnkeydev.com), by phone at 086-3979248 or via the "Contact" portal on the project website.

Yours sincerely,

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