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Coomatallin Wind Farm - Proposed Extension of Operational Life

Dear Householder,

I write to you on behalf of the Team in SSE Renewables as we would like to share some information in relation to Coomatallin Wind Farm.

As you may be aware, SSE Renewables is Ireland's leading developer, owner, and operator of onshore wind farms. We operate 31 onshore wind farms on the island, making us the largest generator and provider of renewable energy across Ireland. We are also proud to have contributed over €12 million from our onshore wind farms into rural communities since 2003, via our various community benefit funds linked to our wind farms.

Since 2006, SSE Renewables has paid almost €2m in funding to community groups in Cork through its community funds programme. In 2024/2025 the Coomatallin fund awarded nearly €16,000 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm, bringing the total the fund has distributed locally since 2006 to over €252,000.

The four turbine, 6MW Coomatallin Wind Farm entered commercial operation in 2006. Coomatallin can power circa 4,000 homes and helps abate 5,000 tonnes of harmful carbon dioxide per-annum, playing a key role in helping Ireland meet its renewable energy targets.

Coomatallin Wind Farm was granted planning permission in May 2001 and was commissioned in February 2006. The parent planning permission limited the operational life of Coomatallin to 20 years from the date of commissioning. Coomatallin Windfarm (ROI) Limited, a member of the SSE Group, is now **seeking to extend the operational lifetime of the wind farm by a further 20 years up to 2046 to continue both the provision of renewable energy and Coomatallin's contribution to meeting Ireland's renewable energy targets**. An extension of life will also ensure the continuation of community funding, and that Cork County Council continues to receive rates payments linked to the wind farm which will contribute towards services such as roads, local infrastructure and public services.

It is our intention to submit a planning application to Cork County Council in mid-2025 and we will be in contact in the months ahead with further updates.

Should you have any queries regarding the proposed extension of the operational life of Coomatallin Wind Farm, please contact us via email or post using the details provided below.

Kind Regards,

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