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Dear Local Area Plan Team

CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE

Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025

1 INTRODUCTION

Codling Wind Park Limited (CWPL) is a 50:50 joint venture offshore wind farm project proposed in the Irish Sea, set in an area called the Codling Bank, approximately 13-22 kilometres off the County Wicklow coast, between Greystones and Wicklow Town.

The joint venture partners EDF Renewables and Fred. Olsen Seawind, are two leading developers, owners and operators of renewable energy assets, with many years of global experience in the renewable energy and offshore wind sector.

Subject to planning permission, the Codling Wind Park (CWP) project, will generate up to 1300MW and has been designated as one of the Phase 1 projects by the Government of Ireland. It was successful in the Government's Offshore Renewable Energy Support Scheme 1 (ORESS 1) auction last year. Once operational the proposed project would contribute just over a quarter of the Government's target of 5GW of grid connected offshore wind 2030, supporting CAP 24. The expected output of the offshore wind farm would be enough to supply the equivalent of over one million Irish homes with clean, Irish electricity.

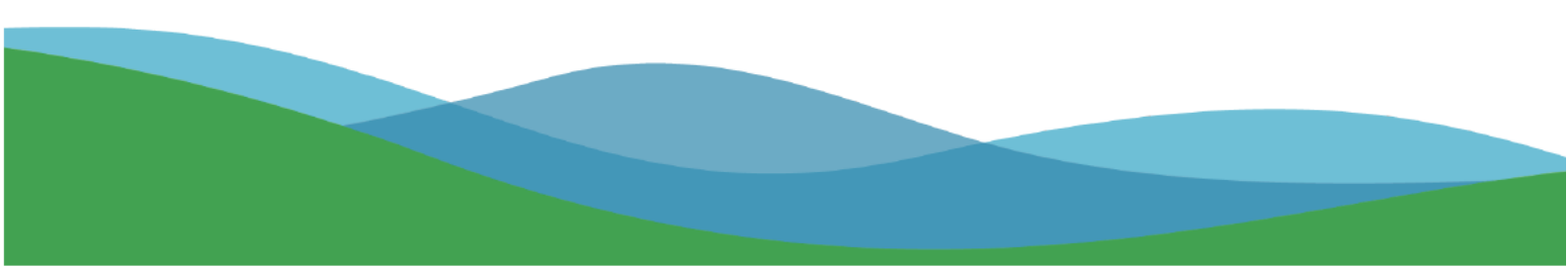
Representing one of the largest energy infrastructure investments in Ireland this decade, the project will deliver substantial benefits to the regional and national economy, including a up to €200m Community Benefit Fund, more than 1,000 construction jobs and around 75 long-term jobs at its proposed operations and maintenance base.

2 OVERVIEW OF CWPL POSITION

CWPL is pleased to comment on the Draft Wicklow Town – Rathnew Local Area Plan 2025. CWPL comments are focused on Chapter 11 Zoning and Land Use.

In reference to Chapter 11 Zoning and Land Use which describes the zoning objectives for the Waterfront Zone (WZ), CWPL welcomes the inclusion of the following in the list of **'priority uses'** within **Area 1 (Wicklow Port)**:

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- Onshore infrastructure / buildings associated with the management / operation / maintenance of offshore renewable energy activities / uses / support services associated with the offshore renewable energy sector.
- Maritime infrastructure including quaysides, jetties, pontoons, lifts / cranes / winches, infrastructure associated with loading / unloading of vessels etc.

These statements expressly support CWPL's intention to develop an Operations & Maintenance Base (OMB) in the Wicklow Port area to support the operation and maintenance of the CWP Project.

The OMB facility will include onshore infrastructure, including an operations office, small car parking area, and storage facility for the storage of small spare parts and consumables required for maintaining the wind farm. These onshore facilities will be located close to the quayside where marine infrastructure, including a pontoon and crane(s) will be installed to support the loading and unloading of offshore service vessels. Combined, these facilities align with the priority uses described above.

For clarity, it is assumed that the statement relating to proposed warehousing (pages 35 and 64 of the written statement), does not apply to CWP Project OMB facilities. Areas of storage will form part of the proposed OMB facility but would not be considered as warehousing. A statement making this distinction clear would be welcomed.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Fiona Campbell at fiona.campbell@codlingwindpark.ie or myself.

Yours faithfully,



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