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Date: 22 May 2024

Minister's Office,
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
Custom House,
Custom House Quay,
Dublin 1,
D01 W6X0

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This website contains all information that the Act requires be provided to a prescribed body in advance of making an application. A schedule of the documents available on the website is outlined below.

Schedule of documents available on the website:

Planning Particulars

Planning Report

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Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Report to Inform Screening for Appropriate Assessment

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Department for Infrastructure
Clarence Court
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RE: Notice of making an Application for Development Permission to An Bord Pleanála under Section 291 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in Ireland

Oriel Wind Farm Project

Dear Mr. Walker / Mr. McCrisken,

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Date: 23 May 2024

Chief Executive Officer,
Louth County Council,
Millenium Centre,
Dundalk,
Co. Louth,
A91 KFW6

RE: Notice of making an Application for Development Permission to An Bord Pleanála under Section 291 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)

Oriel Wind Farm Project

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Mr. Graeme Walker / Mr. Matt McCrisken
Department for Infrastructure
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
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Date: 22 May 2024

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Environmental Assessment
Planning Reform and Housing Quality
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
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London SW1P 4DF
England

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Oriel Wind Farm Project

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RE: Notice of making an Application for Development Permission to An Bord Pleanála under Section 291 of Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in Ireland

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Date: 22 May 2024

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Date: 22 May 2024

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Department of Infrastructure
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