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## Re: Update on the Proposed Fahy Beg Wind Farm

Dear Resident



During the last round of consultation, I said that we would be back to you when we had more information about the project. The team has undertaken the ecological surveys and engineering studies that form part of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which will accompany the planning application for the proposal. These surveys and studies have informed the proposed draft site layout.

Please find attached a map of the proposed locations of the 8 turbines, proposed location of the substation and associated onsite infrastructure and proposed access routes to and from the site.

Next week, we plan on visiting each home in the area to meet with as many people as we can, face to face. We also intend to hold drop-in clinics in Bridgetown National School on the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> July for those that we do not get to meet in the coming weeks. The clinics will be drop-in, by appointment only and we ask those who wish to meet with the team to contact me on my mobile **087 151 9219** or by email at <a href="mailto:fahybeg@rwe.com">fahybeg@rwe.com</a> so that we can arrange suitable times to brief you.

Our plan is to submit a planning application to Clare County Council by the end of the Summer and we will again be in touch to let you know when we have submitted the planning application.

The proposed Fahy Beg Wind Farm will help Ireland meet our Climate Action Plan 2021 (CAP21) targets and generate renewable energy, displace thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide over its lifetime and lead to cheaper electricity and energy security. Among the measures proposed in CAP 21 is the plan to increase the proportion of renewable electricity, to up to 80% by 2030. This will require a doubling of the amount of onshore wind currently built in Ireland. While offshore wind will play a part, onshore wind is still fundamental to the decarbonisation of the electricity market in Ireland.

The project webpage <a href="www.rwe.com/fahybeg">www.rwe.com/fahybeg</a> has been updated with more information in response to the queries raised during the consultation process thus far. It also has sections with useful documents and more information about turbines, wind farms and other aspects of wind farm developments.

As ever, I would be delighted to hear from you as we progress through this engagement process. If you have any questions about the project at any stage, please feel free to contact me on my mobile **087 151 9219** or by email at <a href="mailto:fahybeg@rwe.com">fahybeg@rwe.com</a>. You can write to me at RWE Renewables Ireland Limited, Desart House, Lower New Street, Co. Kilkenny R95 H488.

Many thanks for your time and I look forward to meeting you in person in the near future.

Kind regards

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