



26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH  
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: PROPOSED MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO THE  
DRAFT KILKENNY CITY AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2021-2027**

Dear Councillor,

Further to the Chief Executive's report issued to you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 it has come to my attention that there is a need to make a technical change in relation to the height of turbines specified within the 'Open for Consideration' category of the Wind Energy Strategy.

This change will impact the response and recommendation to the submission by the Office of the Planning Regulator (*Submission KK-C176-58*). It requires the response to the OPR submission to be amended in accordance with the attached.

The change allows for community/small scale wind developments to be considered in the 'Open for Consideration' category, subject to the maximum power output of 5MW and that any scheme meets the community criteria set out in the Renewable Energy Support Scheme- 1 (*RESS-1*) operated by Government.

The height limit of 65m for a turbine set out in the Draft Plan is outdated, as turbines of this height are not available due to technological advances in design.

This will require an adjustment to 5 other submissions which sought changes to the 'Open for Consideration' category, making reference to the OPR submission on the same issue. These are submissions **KK-C176-4, KK-C176-52, KK-C176-60, KK-C176-61, KK-C176-62**.

Yours sincerely,

**Colette Byrne**  
Chief Executive