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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 to provide you with an update on the proposed extension of operational life of Coomatallin Wind Farm, further to a letter and newsletter you'll have received earlier this year.

As you'll be aware, Coomatallin Wind Farm is a four turbine, 6MW wind farm which entered commercial operation in 2006. SSE is now proposing to extend the operational lifetime of the wind farm by a further 20 years, up to 2046, to ensure both the provision of renewable energy and its continued contribution to meeting Ireland's renewable energy targets.

Coomatallin Wind Farm was originally granted planning permission in 2001, and entered commercial operations in 2006, with the parent planning permission limiting its operational life to 20 years from the date of commissioning. Therefore, fresh planning consent is required for the wind farm. A planning application for the proposed extension of operational life will be lodged with Cork County Council shortly. The statutory consultation period for formal comment and submissions will open once the planning application has been lodged. This will be publicised through the required site entrance and newspaper notices.

This planning application does not include any significant amendments to the existing development. Instead, it simply proposes to continue its current operation for an extended period of 20-years. However, during scoping consultation on this extension of life application, the Irish Aviation Authority have requested that an aviation warning light be installed on one of the turbines; this is a standard safety measure to ensure that the turbine is visible to aircraft at all times.

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. Since 2006, SSE Renewables has paid over €2m in funding to community groups in Cork through our community funds programme, with our Coomatallin Community Fund contributing nearly €290,000 to community groups within 20km of the wind farm. To learn more about Coomatallin's contribution to the local community, please see our Coomatallin Community Fund Newsletter which can be found on the following webpage: [sserenewables.com/coomatallin](https://sserenewables.com/coomatallin).

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

Kind Regards,

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