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### **WITHDRAWAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION 21/51222 & SUBMISSION OF NEW PLANNING APPLICATION.**

A planning application (21/51202) was submitted to Donegal County Council on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for the Graffy wind farm development, but was withdrawn following a High Court JR decision that day, [Sweetman V An Bord Pleanala, Ireland and the Attorney General (2021) IEHC 390], which quashed a decision by An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission for a wind farm in County Longford. The High Court decision determined that the turbine heights and blade lengths were expressed in terms of *maxima* and not the actual proposed dimensions, which was considered unacceptable. As the submitted planning application 21/51202, confirmed *maxima* dimensions for the wind turbine model, it was considered prudent to withdraw the application and re-submit with specific turbine dimensions.

Two specific turbines models have been identified for the new planning application, which will be submitted shortly. These are the Nordex 133 and the Enercon 126 and their detailed dimensions are outlined below.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for the new planning application, assesses both turbine models, which are almost identical, but only one type of the turbine models will be erected. Wind turbine supply is very fluid and due to technical advances, companies frequently cease manufacture of their models. As such, the applicants wish to ensure that at least one of their identified turbines will be available for erection, following a grant of planning permission.

#### **Turbine models assessed in EIAR.**

<b>Turbine Model</b>	<b>Hub Height</b>	<b>Rotor Diameter</b>	<b>Blade Tip Height</b>
Enercon 126	85.94 metres	127 metres	149.44 metres
Nordex 133	83 metres	133.2 metres	149.6 metres

The turbine locations will remain at the same locations as in the withdrawn planning application, as will all the other elements of the wind farm proposal, which were included in the withdrawn planning application. Specifying the exact turbine dimensions in the new planning application, is the only change from the withdrawn planning application.

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