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Dear Sir or Madam

Muintir na Tire represents 1,600 community groups throughout Ireland. These groups are mainly rural and have been greatly affected by development of new energy site in recent years.

We wish to address key driver (vi) Social Acceptance. We are neutral as to which model is adopted but feel it is essential that the following happen:

- There should be adequate consultation with any community that will be affected by the offshore grid, visually or otherwise.
- There should be an adequate financial contribution to such communities to allow them to compensate for loss of amenity.
- There should be guaranteed access to the grid for community generated power, followed by Irish owned power operators. Any developers should be incentivised to have community partners.

Regards

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