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Department of Communication & Climate Action,  
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21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

Our Ref: M 64153

Re: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council  
held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Dear Minister Bruton,

I write on behalf of the Elected Members who at the Clondalkin Area Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, passed the following motions:

#### **Cathaoirleach's Business**

**"This Area Committee, with the recently declared biodiversity & climate emergency in mind, write to Minister for Climate Action Richard Bruton TD requesting that he remove the Shannon LNG from the European Union's energy projects of common interest list."**

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

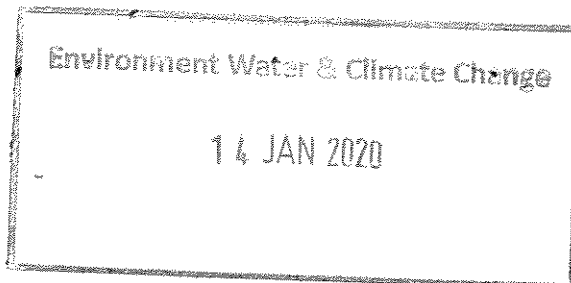


Michael McAdam,  
A/Senior Executive Officer.

Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe  
ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil  
Department of Communications,  
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13 January 2020

Case: CCAE-MO-05056-2019

Dear Mr McAdam

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of South Dublin County Council.

The proposal for an import terminal for Liquefied Natural Gas has been on the EU's list of infrastructural Project of Common European Interest for six years now. An LNG terminal would enhance Ireland's security of supply by increasing import route diversity, particularly as our indigenous gas from the Corrib field continues to deplete.

Natural gas currently provides approximately 39% of Ireland's energy needs, generating over 50% of the electricity we use. In total there are over 700,000 gas customers, including approximately 30,000 businesses. Natural gas is an important fuel for the transition from coal, peat and oil to renewable sources. As we transition to a low carbon economy, stand-by capacity will continue to be needed when renewable sources are not available on the grid. Gas powered generation provides important necessary back-up capacity when generation from intermittent renewable sources are not available on the grid.

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Being on the EU list does not in any way dilute the requirements for any such project to get regulatory approval under Irish and EU Planning and Environmental requirements. The Shannon LNG project is a private commercial project and the future development of this project lies with the project promoter.

I have initiated a review of sustainability and security of supply to evaluate all of the options that can best ensure that we can make the transition to renewable energy quickly and safely.

Yours sincerely

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