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**RE: TERMINATION OF CORRESPONDENCE: PCRE'S SYSTEMATIC REFUSAL TO ENGAGE IN GENUINE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Dear [redacted],

Your letter of 17th October represents the fourth consecutive failure to provide substantive answers to four straightforward questions first posed on 22nd August 2025. This systematic evasion, combined with the documented evidence accumulated over three months of correspondence, confirms that PCRE has no intention of conducting genuine, transparent, fit-for-purpose stakeholder engagement.

**PCRE's Pattern of Bad Faith**

The correspondence trail reveals a consistent pattern of contempt for affected communities:

**1. Breach of Commitments to Galway County Council**

The 10th June 2025 pre-planning meeting minutes (obtained under FOI) confirm your explicit commitment: "Neighbouring residents will be contacted by letter to be notified of the event." You systematically failed to fulfil this commitment, notifying residents in Monivea village (2.5km+ from any site) while missing the vast majority of directly impacted residents within 500m of your proposed industrial sites.

**2. Systematic Notification Failures**

Your claim of notifying "just over 500 properties within 1km" is contradicted by the evidence: of our 900+ petition members, only a handful received notification letters, and several of those reside over 2.5km away. Meanwhile, residents whose properties adjoin your proposed sites received nothing. This represents either gross incompetence or deliberate exclusion.

**3. Two Working Days' Notice**

Letters dated 19th June, received 23rd June, for an event on 26th June provided recipients with a mere two working days to understand and respond to a complex industrial proposal spanning multiple dispersed land parcels. This timeline demonstrates contempt for meaningful participation.

**4. "Fait Accompli" Consultation Approach**

Your statement that consultation will occur "as soon as we have completed preparation of site layout" confirms your intention to finalise all design decisions first, then present them to the community as irreversible. This directly contradicts ISEA Best Practice Guidance requiring that stakeholders "need to be clear about what elements...can be shaped by the consultation."

**5. Four Consecutive Refusals to Answer Basic Questions**

Despite four opportunities across three months, you have refused to provide written answers to four fundamental governance questions that require no commercial sensitivity or technical expertise:

- What methodology will be employed to comprehensively identify all affected stakeholders?
- How will direct engagement be ensured with those most significantly impacted?
- What steps will be taken to align consultation practices with modern stakeholder engagement standards?
- How will the consultation gaps identified to date be addressed?

Your characterisation of these questions as "answered" in your 1st September letter is demonstrably false.

### 6. Archaeological Heritage Violations

The Galway County Council enforcement notice for unauthorised works at Oakwood South, within the buffer zone of recorded monument GA058-078, demonstrates catastrophic failures in due diligence, project oversight, and regulatory compliance. Whether these works occurred under PCRE's direction or were undertaken independently by landowners following your contractual agreements, they confirm fundamental incompetence in managing complex infrastructure projects.

### 7. Site Planning Failures and Deception

Your initial site location plans showed Oakwood South homes within the redline boundary, directly contradicting your assertion that "no residential properties fall within the red line boundary." Whilst subsequently corrected, this error caused immense distress to families and undermines any claim to professional competence.

### 8. Shifting Project Parameters

Your community benefit fund quietly dropped from €20m to €8m with no explanation or acknowledgement. Key project details (substation location, BESS location) remain undisclosed, rendering any assessment of community impact impossible.

## Systematic Breach of ISEA Best Practice Guidance

Your approach represents fundamental breach of the Best Practice Planning Guidance Report for Large Scale Solar Energy Development (2023):

- **"Encouraging and facilitating ongoing dialogue should be the focus"** (Section 3.3.2): You have systematically avoided dialogue, refusing to answer basic questions and insisting on private, closed-door meetings.
- **"A fair and transparent process should be employed to identify the appropriate groups to consult"** (Section 3.3): You have refused to disclose your stakeholder identification methodology despite documented failures.
- **"Applicants should circulate information to properties within approximately 500m of the proposed solar farm"** (Section 3.3): Your notification of residents 2.5km+ away whilst missing those within 500m demonstrates fundamental incompetence.
- **"No construction groundworks...within buffer zones of archaeological monuments"** (Section 5.2.4): The Oakwood South enforcement notice confirms breach of archaeological protection requirements.

## PCRE's True Intentions Revealed

Your 17th October statement, "this public drop-in consultation event will be arranged as soon as we have completed the preparation of a site layout and all relevant technical information," confirms the reality: PCRE views community consultation as a box-ticking exercise to be completed after all substantive decisions have been made. This is not stakeholder engagement; it is a cynical public relations exercise designed to create the appearance of consultation whilst ensuring community input has zero influence on project design.

The only beneficiaries of this project will be PCRE, Omnes Capital, Infranity, and a small cohort of local landowners. The broader community (620+ affected households) faces:

- Multi-millions in cumulative property devaluation
- Permanent industrialisation of c.900 acres of agricultural land and heritage landscape
- Social division and community fragmentation
- Complete destruction of quality of life and landscape amenity

## Termination of Correspondence

AMASS will no longer engage in correspondence that serves only to create the appearance of dialogue whilst PCRE systematically evades accountability. Your refusal to answer four basic questions over four letters and three months confirms that further correspondence is futile.

Until PCRE commits, in writing, to restarting consultation from scratch with proper notification, transparent methodology, and genuine opportunity for community input to shape project design, no further correspondence will be entered into.

Should you wish to commence genuine consultation, AMASS requires:

1. Written substantive answers to the four outstanding questions
2. Commitment to comprehensive re-notification of all impacted stakeholders within 2km radius (consistent with documented property devaluation impacts identified in peer-reviewed research)
3. Public consultation event with minimum 21 days' notice
4. Full disclosure of project parameters (substation location, BESS location, final site layouts)
5. Written confirmation that consultation will occur before final design decisions, with clear indication of what elements remain open to community input
6. All engagement to be fully public, on-record, and inclusive of entire affected community

We remain fully willing to engage constructively should these commitments be met. Absent these commitments, your project will face sustained legal, regulatory, political, and community opposition at every stage.

Yours faithfully,

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