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**Planning Department  
Meath County Council  
Buvinda House  
Dublin Road  
Navan, Co. Meath**

**Re: Planning Application File No. 2560928 – Proposed Wildlife Teaching Hospital & Nature Education Centre, Tower Road, Mornington**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **Conlon Wildlife Foundation** is pleased to offer its full support for the planning application submitted by **Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland (WRI)** for the proposed **Wildlife Teaching Hospital and Nature Education Centre** in Mornington, Co. Meath (Planning File No. 2560928).

Our foundation has agreed to purchase the subject site, **subject to the granting of planning permission**, specifically to enable the development of this important national facility. We have taken this step because we recognise the transformative potential of this project for wildlife conservation, veterinary education, and environmental awareness in Ireland.

The Conlon Wildlife Foundation was established to support initiatives that make a tangible and lasting contribution to the protection, welfare, and understanding of wildlife and biodiversity. We prioritise projects that are practical, scientifically grounded, and capable of delivering long-term impact — especially those that involve public engagement, professional training, and ecosystem health.

This project aligns with our values and strategic aims in multiple ways:

- It will create **Ireland's first purpose-built Wildlife Teaching Hospital**, addressing a long-standing gap in infrastructure for the treatment and rehabilitation of native wildlife.
- It will serve as a **centre of excellence for veterinary training**, supporting students and professionals in acquiring the specialist skills needed to manage wildlife cases responsibly and ethically.

- The inclusion of a **Nature Education Centre** will allow for meaningful community and school engagement, fostering a deeper connection between people and Ireland's natural heritage.
- The facility will also enable **research, data collection, and wildlife disease surveillance**, enhancing Ireland's contribution to national and EU biodiversity targets.
- The project clearly reflects the integrated values of **One Health and One Welfare**, by recognising the interdependence of animal, human, and environmental health.

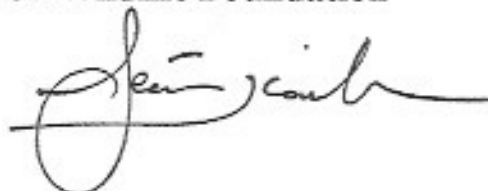
The Foundation has closely followed the work of Wildlife Rehabilitation Ireland over the past decade. Their proven track record in education, collaboration, and ethical wildlife care gives us great confidence in their ability to deliver and manage this facility to the highest standards. This project is not only necessary — it is overdue.

We are proud to support this planning application and we believe it represents a forward-thinking, socially responsible investment in Ireland's future — one that will benefit wildlife, the veterinary profession, policy-makers, and the wider public alike.

Should you require any further information, we would be happy to provide it.

Yours faithfully,

**Sean J Conlon Chairperson / Director  
Conlon Wildlife Foundation**

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