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Seamus Byrne
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Consultation on Funding of Causeway Study for Pilot CNG Station Network

Dear Seamus

The Happy Pear is a food producer and retailer plus a health and wellness educator based in Co Wicklow. The company has been approved for a Gas Innovation Grant by GNI for the use of CNG for its small fleet of vans. We will be installing a slow fill CNG fueling system before end 2016 which will fuel 3 CNG vans.

We believe that BioCNG represents the best low carbon vehicle fuel option for the future, both in Ireland and globally. There are adequate reserves of natural gas available and these can be readily supplemented by injection of biomethane into the gas grid. Ireland has extensive resources in grass and livestock wastes to feed the production and injection of biomethane into the grid.

We fully support GNI's initiative to roll out a pilot CNG station network across the country. Without this fueling network the vehicle OEMs will not supply RHD CNG vehicles into the Irish market for sale. The private sector will not self fund such a CNG network development without a ready supply of RHD vehicles. It's a chicken and egg situation.

Our only reservation on the proposed plan would be the proposed ownership and operation of the CNG stations by GNI. We believe it would be preferable if the ownership and operation was tendered to the private sector by GNI thereby enabling private sector competition into the marketplace from the outset. GNI could provide oversight of technical and operating standards while providing capital and operating funding support. This would be the best solution for the consumer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donal Flynn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donal Flynn

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