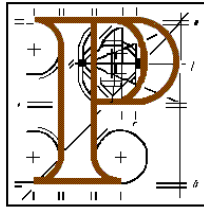


An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2014

Clare County

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APPEAL by K. H. Gorman care of Peter Sweetman and Associates of 14 Postnet, 113 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin and by Clare Coastal Wind Power Limited care of Jennings O'Donovan and Partners Limited of Finisklin Business Park, Sligo against the decision made on the 8th day of October, 2014 by Clare County Council to refuse permission to the said Clare Coastal Wind Power Limited.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: A ten year planning permission for development at a site in the townlands of Carrowmore South, Einagh and Shragh, approximately two kilometres south of the village of Doonbeg, County Clare. The development will comprise nine electricity generating wind turbines with a hub height of up to 85 metres and a rotor diameter of up to 82 metres giving an overall height of up to 126 metres, hardstandings, a control building, an electrical compound, a permanent meteorological mast, associated site roads, drainage and site works.

DECISION

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development based on the reasons and considerations set out below.

MATTERS CONSIDERED

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to the location of the proposed development on a site where there is a significant extent of peat material, the presence of a direct aquatic connection between turbine locations and the Doonbeg River, and to the identification of the Doonbeg River as a habitat with a significant concentration of species listed under Annex II of the Habitats Directive, that is, freshwater pearl mussel (*Margaritifera margaritifera*), the Board is not satisfied that the proposed development would not constitute a serious risk of impairment to the aquatic habitat of this sensitive species. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Member of An Bord Pleanála
duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2015.