



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2020

Planning Authority: Offaly County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: PL2/20/45

APPEAL by Martin Carroll and Johnny Ryan care of CD Consulting of 75 Creagh Road, Tempo, County Fermanagh against the decision made on the 8th day of April, 2020 by Offaly County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: A ten-year permission for the erection of two number wind turbines, each with a maximum height of up to 169 metres and all associated site development, access and reinstatement works; including turbine foundations, hardstanding areas, site access tracks, the upgrade of one number existing site entrance, electrical switch room and underground electrical cabling. The combined electrical capacity of the wind turbines shall not exceed 4.98 megawatts. The proposed development will have a 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning of the wind turbines at Derrinlough, County Offaly.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with 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

The proposed development is located outside of an area open for consideration for Wind Energy Developments, as outlined in Map 3.2 of the Offaly County Development Plan 2014-2020. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene Objective EO-01 of the County Development Plan which aims to achieve a reasonable balance between responding to government policy on renewable energy and in enabling the wind energy resources of the county to be harnessed in an environmentally sustainable manner. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Dave Walsh

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

Dated this day of 2020