

An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Mayo County

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APPEAL by Ecopower Developments Limited of Sion Road, Kilkenny against the decision made on the 14th day of August, 2015 by Mayo County Council to refuse permission in accordance with plans and particulars lodged with the said Council.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Development consisting of eight number wind turbines, overall height of up to 127 metres, crane hardstands, one number meteorological mast up to 80 metres in height with wind measuring equipment attached, access roads, electrical cabling, electrical substation compound, substation equipment and control building and ancillary site works at Tawnanasool/Croaghaun/Tullaghaunnashammer, Bangor Erris, County Mayo.

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 flat and exposed coastal landscape in which the proposed development is located, to the location of the proposal close to designated scenic routes and to the Wild Atlantic Way, and having regard to policy LP-01 of the Mayo County Development Plan which states that it is an objective of the plan to facilitate appropriate development in a manner that has regard to the character and sensitivity of the landscape, the Board considered that the proposal would interfere with views and prospects which are listed for protection in the current Mayo County Development Plan and would have a disproportionate effect on the character of the landscape. The proposal would, therefore, seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and would not be in accordance with 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 2016.