An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

Wicklow County

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APPEAL by Enda McDermott care of Environmental Action Alliance-Ireland of 60 Saint Joseph's Terrace, Portarlington, County Offaly against the decision made on the 14th day of October, 2015 by Wicklow County Council to grant subject to conditions a permission to Ballynagran Zero Carbon Limited care of Barnes Murray de Bháill of The Old Forge, Innishannon, County Cork.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Erection of one number 500kw wind turbine (hub height 50.00 metres/blade tip height 74.35 metres) and the construction of a 14.00 square metres control building/electrical sub-station and all ancillary works at Kilnamanaghmore, Glenealy, County Wicklow.

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

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In the absence of an overall strategy for the development of wind energy in this area designated as 'most favoured' for wind energy in the Wicklow County Development Plan 2010 - 2015, it is considered that the provision of a single wind turbine would represent a haphazard and uncoordinated approach to wind energy development. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In deciding not to accept the Inspector's recommendation to grant permission, the Board considered that the provision of a single wind turbine at this location would not represent a coordinated approach to the development of at this location.

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

Dated this day of 2016.

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