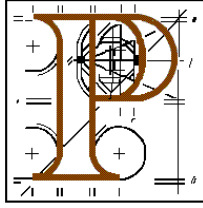


# An Bord Pleanála



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2015

## Sligo County

**Planning Register Reference Number: PL15/399**

An Bord Pleanála Reference Number: PL 21.246149

**APPEAL** by Curlew Energy Limited care of Jennings O'Donovan and Partners Limited of Finisklin Business Park, Sligo against the decision made on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016 by Sligo County Council to refuse permission.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** A 10 year permission and an operational lifetime of 25 years for development comprising two electricity generating wind turbines, each wind turbine will have an overall maximum tip height of 112 metres, comprising a tower of nominally 65-75 metres high, and rotor diameter of up to 82 metres. The development will consist of access tracks, temporary site compound, hardstandings, an electrical substation building and ancillary site works, all at Derrinoghran, (Electoral District Killstraght), Barony of Coolavin, approximately eight kilometres east of Gorteen, County Sligo.

## 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 Sensitive Rural Landscape designation of the site as defined in the Sligo County Development Plan 2011-2017, together with the policy on wind farms under that plan as contained under Section 11.1.4 which indicates that wind farms will be discouraged in or close to designated sensitive landscapes, and having regard to the absence in the landscape of sufficient features to enable the wind farm to be visually assimilated, the Board considered that the proposal would seriously injure the visual amenities of the area and of property in the vicinity and would not, therefore, be in accordance with 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 development would have a negative impact which could not be successfully integrated into the landscape.

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

**Dated this            day of            2016.**