



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2016

Planning Authority: Tipperary County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 16/600552.

Appeal by George and Wendy Magan care of Ivor Fitzpatrick and Company of 44-45 Saint Stephen's Green, Dublin and by Annemarie and Aidan O'Brien care of Declan Brassil and Company Limited of Lincoln House, Phoenix Street, Smithfield, Dublin and by DunoAir Windpark Curraheen Limited care of RPS Consulting Engineers of Innishmore, Ballincollig, County Cork against the decision made on the 8th day of August, 2016 by Tipperary County Council to refuse permission to the said DunoAir Windpark Curraheen Limited.

Proposed Development: Construction of a windfarm which comprises eight number turbines (max blade tip height not exceeding 126.5 metres), construction of approximately six kilometres of new access roads within the windfarm site, an electrical sub-station (62.9 square metres), meteorological mast (80 metres), 38 kV underground grid connection (approximately 13.9 kilometres) running in the public road from the windfarm site to Ballydine, associated drainage and site development works. The proposed windfarm is located on Curraghadobbin Hill (three number turbines) and Carrigadoon Hill (five number turbines). Vehicular access/egress to/from the site is from a relocated and upgraded entrance on the county road to the east of Carrigadoon Hill (at Newtown Upper); and from a new access to Curraghadobbin Hill from the county road to the south of Curraghadobbin Hill (Curraghadobbin), all at Curraghadobbin, Macreary, Ballinurra, Poulmaleen,

Newtown Upper, Lissadober, Ballynacloona, Mayladstown, Kylanoreashy, Butlerstown and Ballydine, County Tipperary.

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

1. The South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied by addition of the Wind Energy Strategy in September 2016 (Variation no. 3) identifies the site as an area which is unsuitable for new wind energy development with related policies set out in policy TWIND 14. Having regard to the cultural and historic significance of the landscape in this area, and the planning history of the site, this designation is considered reasonable and consistent with national policy as set out in the Wind Energy Guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2006. It is considered that the proposed development, because of its location on a prominent ridge within a nationally important landscape framed by Slievenamon Mountain and within sight of a number of historic monuments (including Baunfree and Knockroe passage tombs and early Christian and medieval sites), in addition to Castletown Cox demesne, would have unacceptable visual and landscape

