



Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 18/51856

APPEAL by Tony Doherty care of Canavan Associates Limited of 23 Princes Street, Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland against the decision made on the 1st day of August, 2019 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission for the proposed development.

Proposed Development: A 10-year planning permission for a proposed Wind Turbine with a 30-year operational life from the date of commissioning. The proposed Wind Turbine site will consist of one number three bladed wind turbine with a maximum base to blade tip height of up to 119.33 metres and will include turbine transformer, turbine base and foundation, turbine hardstand and temporary set-down area, construction of new access track, junction and turning area, on-site drainage management works, one number new site entrance within Sorne Wind Farm and with all other ancillary and associated development and infrastructure including general and excavation works at Meenkeeragh, Buncrana, Inishowen, County Donegal.

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 Board is not satisfied, on the basis of the information provided with the planning application, that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects would not adversely affect the integrity of the European sites - the Lough Swilly Special Area of Conservation (Site Code: 002287), the Lough Swilly Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004075) and the Lough Foyle Special Protection Area (Site Code: 004087) in view of the sites' conservation objectives. In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting planning permission.

Chris McGarry

Member of An Bord Pleanála

**duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Board.**

Dated this day of 2020.