



An
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Pleanála

Board Order
ABP-320079-24

Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2022

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

Planning Register Reference Number: 2351240

APPEAL by Margaret Murphy of Conlin Upper, Killybegs, County Donegal against the decision made on the 6th day of June 2024 Donegal County Council to grant, subject to conditions, a permission to Natural Forces Renewable Energy Limited of 3rd floor, 27 Mount Street Lower, Dublin in accordance with the plans and particulars submitted to the said Council.

Proposed Development: (A) Construction of one Enercon E138 wind turbine on a 99 metre tower with an electrical rating of 4.2 megawatt and an overall tip height of 169 metres, (B) the construction of wind turbine foundation, hardstanding and assembly area, (C) provision of a site entrance and an access track within the site, (D) construction of an on-site 20kv substation and underground electrical cable and all associated site development and ancillary works, at Cullion, Killybegs, County Donegal.

Decision

REFUSE permission for the above proposed development in accordance with the reasons and considerations set out below.

Reasons and Considerations

1. Having regard to the information submitted with the application and appeal, the Board considered that:
 - (a) the proposed development is of a class specified in Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
 - (b) the proposed development would constitute an extension to a previously permitted development, Bradán Wind Farm; and
 - (c) that the proposed development, as an extension to a previously authorised development would result in a combined project, in excess of the limits specified at Class 13 of Part 2, Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and that Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposal is therefore mandatory in this instance.

In the absence of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report, in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 6 of the said Regulations, the Board is precluded from giving further consideration to the granting of permission for the development the subject of the application.

2. Having regard to the information submitted with the application and appeal, and in the absence of a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment, the Board cannot be satisfied that the proposed development individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on West Donegal Coast Special Protection Area (Site Code 004150), Lough Nillan Bog Special Protection Area (Site Code 004110), Donegal Bay Special Protection Area (Site Code 004151) and Durnesh Lough Special Protection Area (Site Code 004145), in view of the Conservation Objectives for these sites, and it is considered, therefore, that the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Liam McGree

Member of An Bord Pleanála

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

Dated this 10th day of June 2025.