

An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Commission Order
ABP-320672-24

Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Planning Authority: Donegal County Council

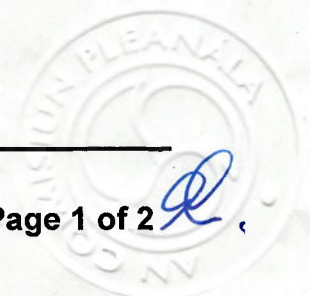
Planning Register Reference Number: 24/60903

Appeal by Bradán Wind Limited care of Mable Consulting Engineers of 30 Drumcondra Road Upper, Drumcondra, Dublin against the decision made on the 1st day of August, 2024 by Donegal County Council to refuse permission.

Proposed Development: 10-year permission which will consist of upgrading of approximately 0.7 kilometres of existing access track and existing site entrance, construction of approximately 1.2 kilometres of new access tracks and new site entrance and construction of a 5.5-metre-span temporary bridge and all associated ancillary infrastructure, all at Townlands of Faiafannan and Cunlin, 3.5 kilometres north of Killybegs Harbour, Killybegs, County Donegal.

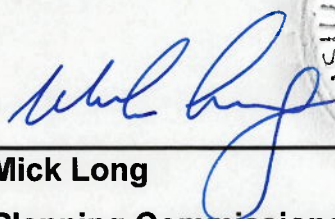
Decision

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



Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature and characteristics of the site where windfarm development is 'not normally permitted', the uncertainty relating to peat stability, particularly in areas where the risk level is high, the absence of an assessment of the impact on the hydrological and hydrogeological regime, the uncertainty relating to habitats and their importance, and the uncertainty as to the effectiveness of the proposed mitigation measures in dealing with peat stability and impact on water quality and water flows, the Commission is not satisfied that the proposed development would not have an adverse effects on surface water, groundwater, upland blanket bog habitat and the Freshwater Pearl Mussel Sensitive Area, Bungosteen Catchment. The proposed development would be contrary to the requirements of Policy WE-P-3, Objective WW-O-1, Policy WW-P-2, Policy BIO-P-1 and BIO-P-3 of the County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030, and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



Mick Long

**Planning Commissioner of An Coimisiún
Pleanála duly authorised to authenticate
the seal of the Commission.**

Dated this 22nd day of August 2025.