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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: PL 04.245824Defer Re O/H ☐

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 04/01/16
fromObs recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000
be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): No new material issues raisedE.O.: Rob FordeDate: 13/01/16

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Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage. ☐Section 131 to be invoked – allow 2/4 weeks for reply. ☐

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Appeal No: PL 245824

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EO: <u>Rob Forde</u>	AA: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>04/01/16</u>	Date: <u>11/01/16</u>
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The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
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Dublin 1

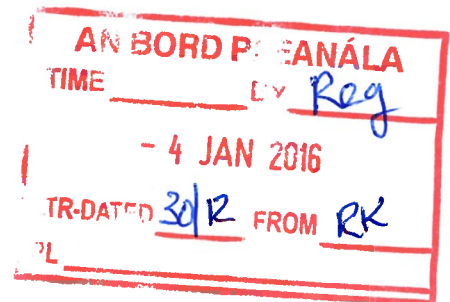
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30/12/2015

RE APPEAL REF. NO. PL04.245824

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make an observation on the above appeal. Please find my comments below.

1. Project splitting & Undisclosure of full project extent

It is claimed by the developer that the 6 wind turbines under appeal here will be the only wind farm facilitated by the substation, also under appeal, in Barnadivane. Yet in October 2015 as part of Further Information Requests from the Bord in relation to appeal ref. no. PL04.243486 (Shehymore wind farm) and appeal ref. no. PL04.244439 (Barnadivane substation) the grid connection route from Shehymore to Barnadivane substation was revealed, though the

planning process for that particular wind farm has been ongoing since 2013 and the substation in Barnadivane has been in the planning system since 2014. Both have gone through Cork County Council planning department with the benefit of pre-planning meetings and this crucial connection was not in the public domain. This means 12 further wind turbines are looking to connect to the substation in Barnadivane. We can now add a further 5 wind turbines to this total as on the 22nd Dec 2015 Keel Energy Ltd lodged a planning application to Cork County Council, this proposed wind farm is to connect to the grid via the grid connection route to Barnadivane substation.

Conclusion:

As the developing company in the case of all 3 wind farms, substation and grid connection route are sister companies, owned and backed by the same people, it requires the question to be asked of Cork County Council, who are having pre planning consultations with this/ these developer/s, what exactly is going on in this region of Cork County? All these projects are connected through the substation and therefore should be treated as one project and yet the public is finding out in a piecemeal way about them and this hampers and inhibits their ability to constructively assess what the implications are for their families, livelihoods and quality of life. The latest application by Keel Energy actually has the connection to the grid via the grid connection route currently under appeal as part of its application to Cork County Council. Where is the logic in this? What if this route is refused planning permission? The Bord cannot allow the planning system to be used in this manner as it is neither fair nor transparent.

2. Animal welfare and local amenities

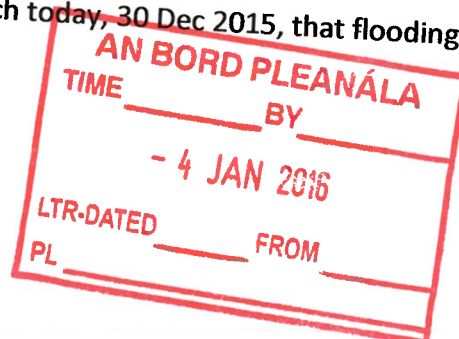
I have a part share in a race horse which uses land adjoining this proposed wind farm. The boundary ditch is about 100m from the nearest wind turbine. It is well known that horses are very sensitive to the sound of wind turbines. I will not be able to keep this horse here if the wind farm goes ahead. This will directly affect the amenity value of the area where I live and therefore my quality of life. Why should my rights as a person in my neighborhood be subservient to faceless developers who have no interest in respecting my rights in my own home?

3. Landowner Consent

Is the Bord satisfied that the consents provided by the landowners are the consents of all those who are named owners of the said properties?

4. Flooding

It has been reported in the media and on AA Roadwatch today, 30 Dec 2015, that flooding has



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taken place from Bengour West to Beal na Blath with severe flooding in Crookstown village leading to the road being closed in various stretches along the route. This is the river Bride which runs along the southern boundary of this wind farm. Are the Bord happy that this development will not add or increase the potential in any way for an increase in run off from this sloping site? It is incumbent on Cork County Council to protect people and the environment from flooding. There have been several road fatalities in the country this Christmas as a direct result of flooding and I feel that economic concerns should not supersede the value of human life.

The same area was already flooded earlier in the month and I now offer this as proof that the area has always been prone to flooding contrary to what has been stated by the applicants. The applicants only carried out a desktop survey and a very uncomprehensive one at that, and yet again failed to seek local knowledge

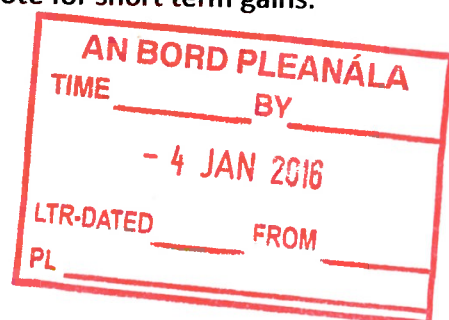
5. White tailed sea eagle

A white tailed sea eagle has been seen in the Gearagh nature reserve today and yesterday 29-30 Dec 2015. It is blue tagged and reported on <http://www.irishbirding.com/birds/web?task=BasicBirdSightingSearch>.

The bird was seen by Mr. Aidan Duggan on the 29th and seen and photographed by Mr. John Lynch on the 30th Dec. Both men are highly respected and very well-known birders from Cork. The importance in the future for the Gearagh and it's surrounds for the breeding and the survival of the white tailed sea eagle project cannot be overestimated and will if successful be a huge boost for the Lee Valley.

Many people are working desperately to reinvigorate the Lee Valley and it's hinterlands since its almost total annihilation by a previous electrical power project, namely, the Carrigadrohid and Inniscarra hydro electrical dams. The project came at a huge environmental and human cost. One project is trying to create workable fish passes at the dams for salmon and eels. When completed these fish will help restore both the natural environment (freshwater pearl mussels need salmonids to complete their life cycle and these fish will provide food for eagles and ospreys) and the human environment by bringing back game fishing for which the upper Lee was famous and providing a tourist attraction with the presence of one of the world's largest birds.

As Cork already provides more than its fair share of wind and hydro generated power to the grid, and that new technology will see turbines move off shore and other less damaging technologies develop, I plead that the Bord look at the long term consequences for the area and take an holistic approach that respects all and to not vote for short term gains.



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Bat Roosts

As has already been said, no attempt has been made with local residents to establish if they have bat roosts on their property. Therefore I enclose a list of people who live on the perimeter of the site, all of whom have already objected to the development, who state that they have a/several bat roosts on their property and feel consequently that a proper study of the bat ecology of the area was not carried out. All of these people have serious concerns for their bats due to potential for collision with turbines, barotrauma and habitat displacement. The list of names is, Denis Buckley, Patrick Manning, Dan Galvin and Michael O'Donovan.

I request that you consider my observations

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Larkin

€50 fee enclosed.

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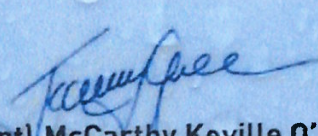
SITE NOTICE

Keel Energy Ltd. intends to apply for a ten year planning permission for development in the townlands of Gurteen, Clogher, Derryleigh, Gortatanavally, Carrigdangan, Inchincurka, Johnstown, Haremont, Gorteenadrolane, Teeranassig, Clonmoyle, Dromleigh, Coolaclevane, Carrigboy, Cooldorragha, Deshure, Teerelton, Lisnacuddy, Reanacaheragh, Barnadivane, Barnadivane (Kneevs), and Garranereagh, Co. Cork, consisting of the construction of a wind farm of up to 5 No. wind turbines, with a maximum ground to blade tip height of up to 140m, upgrading of existing and provision of new internal access roads, provision of a wind anemometry mast (height up to 90 metres), 2 no. borrow pits, underground electricity cabling, underground grid connection electrical cabling including all associated infrastructure, junction accommodation works for the proposed delivery route, 1 no. electricity sub-station with control building and associated equipment, 1 no. construction compound, upgrading of the existing site access junction, permanent signage and all ancillary site works.

The Planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The planning application, Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Norton House, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, during its public opening hours, i.e. 9.00a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions and observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission

Signed:


(Agent) McCarthy Keville O'Sullivan Ltd., Block 1, GFSC,
Moneenageisha Road, Galway

Date of erection of site notice: 22nd December 2015

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Keel Energy Ltd is holding a public information session regarding the proposed Carrigarierk Wind Farm on the townlands of Clogher, Gurteen, Derryleigh, Gortatanavally & Carrigdangan

The underground grid connection cable follows the public road on the townlands of Johnstown, Haremont, Gorteenadrolane, Teeranassig, Clonmoyle, Dromleigh, Coolaclevane, Carrigboy, Cooldorragha, Deshure, Teerelton, Lisnacuddy, Reanaca heragh, Barnadivane, Barnadivane (Kneev es) & Garra nareagh

The Parkway Hotel, Park Road, Dunmanway, Co. Cork
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday, 15th December 2015

This information session is open to the public and all interested parties. Information about the proposed project will be on display, and project representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions in relation to the proposed project.

The proposed development partially concerns the Derryleigh and Carrigdangan Coillte properties in Lee Valley Forest. Representatives from Coillte will be present at the session to answer any Coillte specific queries.

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