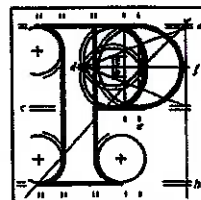


**Our Case Number: ABP-309770-21**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Kevin O'Neill  
Newtown  
Coole  
Mullingar  
Co. Westmeath  
N91 DF10

**Date:** 28 February 2023

**Re:** Proposed development of up to 15 wind turbines with a tip height of up to 175 metres and laying of approximately 26km of underground electricity cabling to facilitate the connection to the national grid, and all associated site development works  
Townlands of Camagh, Carlanstown, Coole, Clonrobert, Clonsura, Doon, Monktown, Mullagh, Newcastle and other townlands, Co. Westmeath

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of Westmeath County Council and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Thornton  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737247

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**Niamh Thornton**

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**From:** SIDS  
**Sent:** Friday 24 February 2023 15:57  
**To:** Niamh Thornton  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** ObservationSubmission.pdf; Map.jpg

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**From:** Kevin O'Neill <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday 24 February 2023 15:52  
**To:** SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:**

Hello,  
Please find attached an Observation on Further Information on case Nos 309770-21 Coole Wind Farm SID.

I submitted an observation previously under the name of Kevin O'Neill so there is no fee to pay.  
Please can you send me a receipt as confirmation.

Many thanks

Kevin

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**artmedia**

Kevin O'Neill  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kevin O'Neill, Newtown, Coole. Mullingar,  
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**To:** An Bord Pleanala,  
64 Marlborough Street, Rotunda, Dublin 1.  
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**Regarding: Submission on Planning Application  
for Project all in County Westmeath by Kevin  
O'Neill.**

**Reference Number:** 3097710 / 21 (SID)

**My Contact Details:** Mobile Phone: ~~085-2610014~~  
email: ~~artmediakevin@gmail.com~~

## **MY OBSERVATION/SUBMISSION**

Thank you for the opportunity to re-state my objection to this development. In my previous submission I expressed the view that the development, and specifically, the 25Km grid connection to Mullingar would enable Bord Na Mona, Westland and Harte Peat to 'plug in' to a grid connection (see attached map).

The Draft Wind Energy Guidelines 2019 clearly refer to the need to include a '..what if ' element in any planning submission. In the case of this application this clearly has not been done.

I was delighted to see that you had requested (Response to FI Item No.2.5) further clarity regarding

my concerns as outlined above and elaborated on in my original submission. However Coole Wind Farm appear to have continued to brush aside this issue with a promise to set up an "Interactions Management Group."

Obviously, Coole Wind Farm Ltd have an interest in sharing the enormous cost of connecting to the grid over 25Kms distant. I would go so far as to speculate that contact between these bodies has already taken place, however, although a Semi-State body, Bord Na Mona are no longer beholden to an F.O.I. requests.

Again, it is my belief that they have been economic with their intentions regarding the likely beneficiaries of their grid connection, particularly when looking at the adjacent land ownership shown in the attached map.

Therefore, any SID should apply to the entire Upper Inny river basin as a whole, an entirely different prospect to what has been submitted to date.