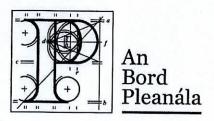
Our Case Number: ABP-309770-21

## Planning Authority Reference Number:



Anne Butler and Others Shamar Barradrum Streete Co. Westmeath

Date: 19 May 2021

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 observation or submission in relation to the case mentioned above and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

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 the Local Authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

For further information on this case please access our website at www.pleanala.ie and input the 6-digit case number into the search box. This number is shown on the top of this letter (for example: 303000).

Yours faithfully,

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Administrative Assistant Direct Line: 01-8737184

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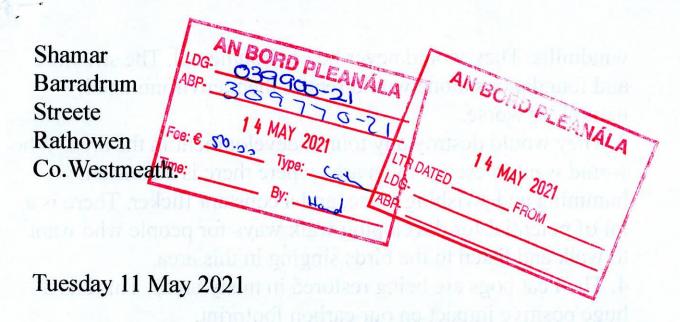
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We urge that this Strategic Infrastructure Development Application be refused for the following reasons:

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- 2. The proposed windmills are not suitable for putting in a boggy type landscape. They would need huge foundations due to the unstableness of the bog surface, and the sheer size of the

windmills. They would never be environmental. The structure and foundations alone would render them environmentally neutral, or worse.

- 3. They would destroy any tourist development in the area. Who would want to escape to an area where there is a constant humming and swishing noise, and a constant flicker. There is a lot of potential for developing walk ways for people who want to walk and listen to the birds singing in this area.
- 4. The Peat bogs are being restored in many areas. This has a huge positive impact on our carbon footprint.
- 5. The windmills could have an impact on our internet in the future, which both domestic and business people rely on. People who want to work from home will be discouraged from living in the area. Resulting in more cars on the road, and a lesser quality of life for many. Not very environmental!
- 6. There are loads of alternative ways of generating electricity. Tullynally in Coole are hoping to put in a Solar Farm. As far as I am aware there is no local objection to this. There would be no Flicker, No Noise, and you would not see it twenty miles away.
- 7. If the money that is being given to big companies to destroy our environment (not theres) was spent on our local environment for example by giving suitable grants to householders and business and farms which have a lot of roof areas for Solar Power the need for generating electricity would be meet.
- 8. The covid pandemic has shown that it is not natural for people to live on top of each other in cities, where the virus was rampant. More people have begun to appreciate the county side. Let's not destroy it.
- 9. In Coolnagun we saw a family of owls this year, along with a number of hawks and other large birds. We have loads of bats too, not my favourite living creatures but they have the same

rights as us to have their environment protected. It is a very beautiful place, full of nature.

10. There is a number of people in this area who have special needs. People with Down Syndrome, and Autism. Also people who I am one of that have a big problem with migraines. Flicker and constant noise would have a detrimental impact on my life and theres.

We have put these few points in as well as agreeing with Chapter 3 and Chapter 11 points from the North Westmeath Turbine Action Group. If you need a copy of these we would be willing to email you a copy. Due to caring about our environment we don't print them off unless it is necessary.

Don't let more people suffer for bad decision making like what has happened to people trying to buy a home. The people with money were given priority over the everyday good citizen.

The population is increasing, and more people want to live in and appreciate rural Ireland. Don't destroy it for them and us going forward. Once ruined it can never be the same again. Now is the time to protect it. At the same time generate electricity as I have suggested by other means that have not the terrible consequences for the present population and the future population in this area.

Anne Butler Shamar, Barradrum, Streete Co. Westmeath.

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Tuesday 11 May 2021

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