

Denise Waters and Others
Newcastle
Castlepollard
Co. Westmeath

Date: 12 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 recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. A receipt for the fee lodged is enclosed.

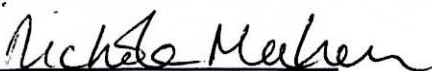
The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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.

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,

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A CHARA,

WE ARE OBJECTING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO THE PROPOSED BUILDING OF 15 WIND TURBINES AND THE OPENING OF A BURROW PIT AS PART OF THE NORTH LODGE WIND FARM PROJECT LOCATION NUMBER - PA25 M.309770

WE ARE AN ELDERLY COUPLE AND HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA OF NEWCASTLE CASTLE POLLARD FOR 60 PLUS YEARS. OUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN 37 METRES OF THE OPENING TO THE PROPOSED BURROW PIT.

THE EFFECT OF THIS WILL BE ENORMOUS ON OUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING. IT WILL RUIN OUR ENJOYMENT OF OUR HOME & ITS RURAL LOCATION.

OUR ROAD L5755, IS A QUIET, RURAL, LOCAL BACK-ROAD. IT WOULD NORMALLY CARRY TRACTORS, AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS & IS USED FOR LOCAL ACCESS. NOT AT ALL SUITABLE FOR A PROJECT OF THIS SIZE & MAGNITUDE.

IF THIS PROJECT PROCEEDS, WE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A ~~HIGH~~ LEVEL OF NOISE & DUST FROM INDUSTRIAL ROCK-BREAKERS. WE WILL HAVE HEAVY GOODS LORRIES BRINKING ROCKS FOR THE BASES OF THESE WIND-TURBINES TRAVELLING PAST OUR DOOR, FROM MORNING TIL NIGHT, 6 DAYS OUT OF SEVEN.

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WALK ON THE ROAD, WITH OUR DOGS, EXERCISE A CYCLE. OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE SEVERELY IMPACTED.

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ACCESS TO OUR HOME WILL BE SEVERELY CURTAILED. THIS IS A RURAL, LOCAL ROAD. IT'S A KOG ROAD. THERE IS GRASS GROWING DOWN THE CENTRE. IT IS SO NARROW, TWO CARS CANNOT PASS EACH OTHER. WE HAVE CHILDREN, GRAND-CHILDREN & FRIENDS WHO WOULD VISIT REGULARLY & HOPEFULLY WITH RESTRICTIONS LIFTING, WILL DO SO AGAIN. WE & THEY, WILL BE IN DANGER EVERY TIME WE LEAVE OUR HOME. THE EXPECTED NUMBER OF TRUCK JOURNEYS PASSING OUR HOME, WE ESTIMATE, WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 50 PER HOUR. OUR WHOLE WAY OF LIFE WILL BE EFFECTED TO AN UNBEARABLE DEGREE.

IN RELATION TO THE APPLICATION FOR THE KURRON PIT, IT FURTHER STATES THAT THE APPLICANT HAD HAD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE LOCAL PEOPLE ABOUT BLASTING OR ROCK-BREAKING IN THE PIT. THIS IS UNTRUE. WE LIVE RIGHT BESIDE THE PROPOSED PIT & HAVE HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH THIS COMPANY. FURTHERMORE, NO TIME-LINE HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE PIT WITH REGARD TO WORKING-HOURS & LIFETIME.

WE ARE ALSO EXTREMELY WORRIED ABOUT THE EFFECT THIS PIT WILL HAVE ON THE WATER TABLE IN THE AREA. IT WILL POLLUTE OUR WELL & THE RUN-OFF WATER WILL EFFECT OUR SEPTIC TANK.

AT 175 M. HIGH, THESE WIND-TURBINES WILL HAVE AN ENORMOUS VISUAL IMPACT ON THE AREA THERE WILL BE FLICKER AND NOISE. BOTH DAMAGING TO PEOPLE'S HEALTH.

AS OFF-SHORE WIND-FARMS ARE BECOMING MORE COST-

EFFECTIVE, SURELY THIS FORM OF WIND ENERGY IS BECOMING DATED AS TECHNOLOGY MOVES ON.

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PROJECTS SUCH AS THOMAS PACKENHAM'S PLAN FOR A SOLAR FARM ON TULLYNALLY LAND, WHICH WILL PROVIDE ENERGY FOR THE LOCAL AREA.

WE STRONGLY OBJECT TO PLANS TO LAY UP TO 26 KM OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY CABLES TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION TO THE NATIONAL AND ALL THE SITE DEVELOPMENT WORK THIS WOULD REQUIRE.

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THESE WIND-TURBINES SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR BOG-LAND. GOVERNMENT & EU. POLICY IS FOR THE PROTECTION & RE-WETTING OF IRISH BOG LANDS, TO CAPTURE CARBON & RE-JUVENATE WILD LIFE. PROVIDING THESE POLICIES, CRANES ARE NOW NESTING IN THE MID-LANDS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 300 YEARS. IF THIS ~~PROJECT~~ ^{PROJECT} GOES AHEAD, DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE WIND-TURBINES THE BOG WILL HAVE TO BE DRAINED INTO THE GLOR RIVER, WHICH WILL POLLUTE THE RIVER, DECIMATING THE AQUA-LIFE. THIS DISTRUCTION WILL CONTINUE INTO THE LANNY RIVER & FURTHER INTO THE SITANNON, POLLUTING EVERYTHING ON ITS WAY. THIS WILL HUGELY EFFECT TOURISM, AS THIS IS AN AREA WELL-KNOWN FOR ANGLING TOURISM. IT WILL ALSO EFFECT THE FLIGHT-PATH FOR SWANS & OTHER MIGRATORY BIRDS WHICH FLY FROM LIDERRAVARAGH TO L. SHEELIN.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD REFUSE THIS APPLICATION, POINTING OUT THAT THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION FOR WIND-TURBINES AT THIS SITE IS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE COURTS.

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Denise Waters - Glenharrow View, Co. Wicklow
SARAH WATERS - ASH COTTAGE.
DAVID ELSON } Co. Wicklow

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