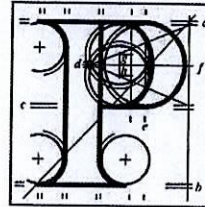


Our Case Number: ABP-309770-21

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

James Gibney
Newcastle
Castlepollard
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,

Eimear Relly
Administrative Assistant
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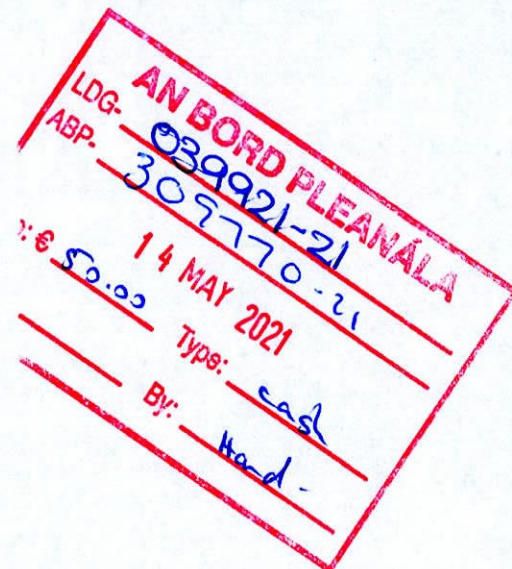
Co Westmeath

Date 12/05/2021

To: An Bord Pleanála

64 Marlborough St.

Dublin 1.



Dear Sir/Madam,

I James Gibney of Newcastle, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, wish to make a written submission/observation in relation to the named Planning Application Case Reference: PA25M.309770:

Townlands of: Camagh, Carlanstown, Coole, Clonrobert, Clonsura, Doon, Monkstown, Mullagh, Newcastle and other townlands, Co. Westmeath.

Proposed development of up to 15 wind turbines with a tip height of up to 175 metres and laying of approximately 26km of electricity cabling to facilitate the connection to the national grid, and all associated site development works.

Fee of €50 Enclosed.

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

-I have a site that I cannot use to build my house on as being within the buffer zone of the proposed wind turbines, building on my site would leave me paying a big mortgage on a house left worthless by property devaluation with a quarry across the road from my site as well as the noise pollution and light flicker from the wind turbines that would leave me suffering financial and physical duress before even taking into consideration the ramifications of Statkraft being successful in gaining planning permission would have on my quality of life and health along with everyone else in the buffer zone and surrounding areas.

-The road on which the supposed Borrow Pit is only 8-10ft wide and is not going to be able withstand the constant barrage of 60-80 tonne dump trucks it will be destroyed.

-Said Borrow Pit has its entrance on a bend and near directly across from it on the same bend the entrance to Turbine 15 is located – Who would be so stupid as to attempt to put an entrance to an industrial quarry on a bad Bend?? This leaves an unsafe road for local access, whether this be traffic or pedestrians.

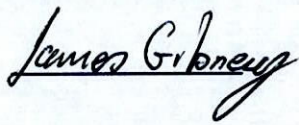
-How can Statkraft be allowed to apply for planning permission for an even bigger windfarm when the present planning application is under Judicial Review??

In closing, my objections remain the same – I still fully oppose the development of wind turbines in my area. For a country currently in the grips of a housing crisis, why should this development be approved permission when it is very difficult for planning approval in our rural areas? I note that in planning for my own future I can see only the disadvantages if construction of the wind turbines were to proceed. There will be effects to our wildlife and birdlife in the area. Not to mention the destruction of an area of heritage, tourism and the irreversible damage to the local habitats.

To that end, I urge An Bord Pleanála to refuse this appeal for planning application of the proposed Wind farm development.

Sincerely,

James Gibney,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Gibney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.