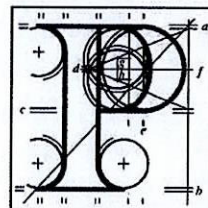


Our Case Number: ABP-309770-21

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Matt 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 Reilly
Administrative Assistant
Direct Line: 01-8737184

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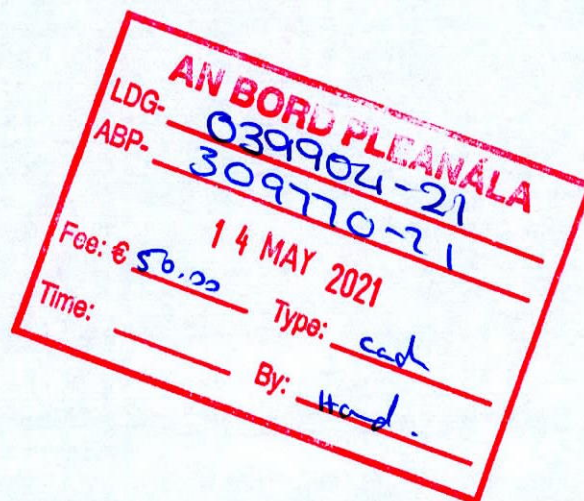
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I Matt 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, Monktown, 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:

- Rewetting the Bogs is pointless when all the hard standings and roadways will obstruct the natural process, with all the acres of roads and hard standings causing compaction.
- All the natural Environs and Habitats destroyed by the construction of said windfarm cannot be revered by supposedly planting a few acres of tress elsewhere, it is environmental sabotage destroying our local area for nothing other than a glorified cash cow.
- 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 it's 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??
- How can Statkraft be allowed to apply for planning permission for an even bigger windfarm when the present planning application is under Judicial Review??
- Quarrying will pollute the water table affecting my well and percolation system.
- Noise pollution and Shadow Flicker from the huge wind turbine blades.

-Effects on Wildlife and Birdlife in the area.

-Disruption to the tourism industry of the north Westmeath area.


-Offshore wind is becoming cheaper and more sustainable and is by far the better option for a small island. We are becoming polluted with environmental desecration and it is of no benefit only to the big corporate businesses who don't care about our environment or how the people will be able to live here.

In Summary, I completely oppose the development of Industrial Wind Turbines in my area.

Trusting that An Bord Pleanála will take the correct course of action and refuse this planning application for proposed windfarm.

Sincerely,

Matt Gibney,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Gibney', written over a horizontal line.