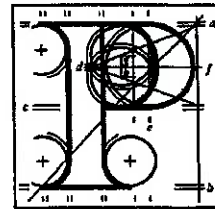


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**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Thomas and Valerie Pakenham
Tullynally
Castlepollard
Co. Westmeath

Date: 24 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, Monkstown, 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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Re Townlands of Camagh, Carlanstown, Coole, Clonrobert,
Clondura, Doon, Monkstown, Mullagh, Newcastle etc

Submission from Thomas and Valerie Pakenham
objecting to the above S.I.D application, May 15th, 2021.

Dear Sir,

Our estate is situated between Castlepollard and the village of Coole. The demesne is open to walkers free of charge throughout the year, and we have also built up a sizeable tourist business with the castle and gardens being open to the public throughout the summer months. We have also invested heavily in the farm which is now a successful dairy enterprise.

We should like to object most strongly to the current proposal for fifteen 175m. high wind turbines being erected just outside Coole village. The application should be rejected by An Bord Pleanala. For many reasons we believe this scheme proposed by Coole Wind Farms Ltd would be disaster for the people living in this area.

First, it would be an insult to Westmeath County Council and the democratic values the Council represents. The proposal for these turbine directly contravenes the latest county development plan published by the Council, This specifies that the distance between a new wind turbine and the nearest occupied house should be at least 10 times the height of the turbine. But look at the plan proposed by Coole Wind Farms Ltd. It snaps its fingers at this regulation.

Second, these huge structures – one and a half times the height of the Dublin “Spike” and visible across four counties – will be cruelly out of scale with the present pastoral landscape of small fields, lakes and rolling hills which attracts thousands of visitors to Westmeath.

Third, these turbines would threaten the delicate wildlife of this area. Lough Derravaragh, a lake of international importance, is only 3km to the south of the proposed development . It is the home to numerous water birds, including hooper swans who need special protection. How would the fragile eco-system of this area, already under pressure from climate change, survive the new industrial landscape proposed and the huge disruption caused by installing it.

To put it simply, these giant turbine s would make perfect sense built offshore, but to plant them in a quiet corner of rural Westmeath in close proximity to farms and houses would be a disaster .

Yours sincerely.

Thomas Pakenham



Valerie Pakenham

