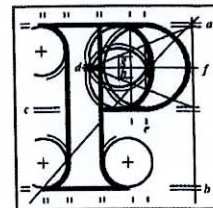


Our Case Number: ABP-316051-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Cyril Donohoe
Moyoughley
Moate
Co. Westmeath
N37R281

Date: 03 May 2023

Re: Renewable energy development comprising 9 no. wind turbines and associated infrastructure.
Umma More and adjacent townlands, County 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,

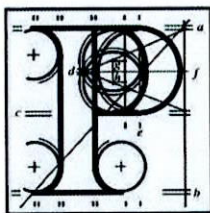
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's
name

Cyril Donohoe

(b) Observer's
postal address

Moyvoughley, Moate, Co. Westmeath. (N37R281)

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal
address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

PA 25M.316051

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Ummamore Wind Farm

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Moyvoughley, Ballymore, Co. Westmeath

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

I am not an expert in the technicalities of wind farms, but I do live in the immediate area of this proposed development.

I have the following concerns which I expect to be clearly addressed by the proposed developer, prior to any preliminary or final decisions regarding planning, by your board.

- These windmills are unsightly and spoil the natural beauty of the area. My main reason for purchasing a home in this area was relating to the fact that it is an unspoiled rural location.
- Having conducted some research and liaised with other concerned residents in the area, it is clear to us that seventy or more properties are going to suffer "Shadow Flicker" as a direct result of the erection of these objects. This is NOT acceptable.
- I am extremely concerned about noise pollution and the adverse effects on mental health, due to the inhibition on our natural peaceful environment. Our home is currently located in an area conducive to positive mental health and each evening, residents can take a peaceful walk through the meandering countryside, while listening to the sound of birds singing. I do NOT want this tranquil environment replaced with the sound of hushing windmills, which will no doubt deter birds and

5. Grounds

other wildlife.

- It is extremely likely that the erecting of these windmills will deter future housing investment or purchase in the area. It is fair to assume, that given the choice, families will locate in wind mill free locations. This will no doubt have an adverse effect on the price of my property.
- On initial research, I am extremely concerned in relation to adverse health effects due to living in close proximity to a wind farm.

In summary, I object in the strongest possible terms to this proposed development. Can you please revert back to me, assuring me that you have taken my concerns on board.

I await answers to my concerns and I would plead with you not to allow this development to proceed.

Kind regards

Cyril Donohoe

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Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

☐

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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FEM – Received		SIDS – Processed	
Initials		Initials	
Date		Date	

Notes