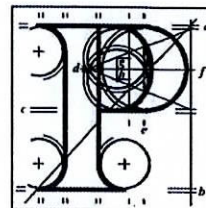


Our Case Number: ABP-316051-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
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Stephen and Lorraine Rooney
The Willows
High Street
Ballymore
Co. Westmeath
N91PF65

Date: 05 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,

Niamh Thornton
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737247

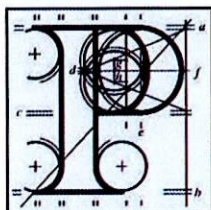
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

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

Stephen & Lorraine Rooney

(b) Observer's postal address

The Willows,
High Street,
Ballymore,
Co. Westmeath
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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)

316051

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

Ummamore renewable energy development

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

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

Ummamore, Baskin, Drumraney, 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.

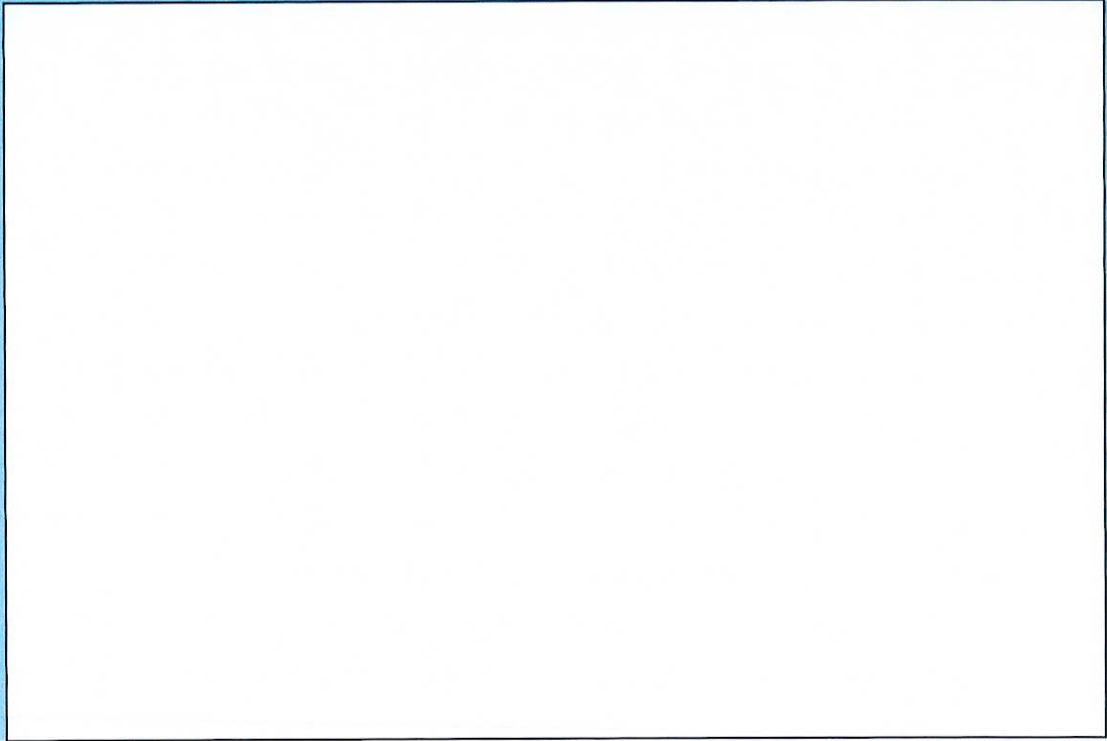
You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

We have major concerns regarding noise levels. We live less than 2km from the proposed development and also a functioning quarry. We don't feel that in this vicinity of the development an adequate noise survey was carried out. The Environmental Health Service have stated that "The potential cumulative effects of other windfarms, industry, and quarrying, etc in the vicinity of the development should have been assessed as part of the noise survey". But MKO not only ignored this but the time when the nearby quarry would most likely have been operational was filtered out as part of the splitting of data. The current Irish planning guidelines for wind farms rely on a UK noise assessment model that dates from 1996. This model is widely recognised as not fit for purpose in light of the vast increases in turbine size and power that have occurred in recent decades.

We also have serious concerns regarding 'shadow flicker' from the development and feel that our property should have been assessed as we are within a 2km radius of the development.

The Westmeath County Development plan designated this area as a 'low wind area' and the SEAI Wind Atlas reports low average wind speeds for the proposed site should this not raise concerns about the output of a windfarm in this area?

5. Grounds



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

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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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Initials		Initials	
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