

John G. Moyles Senior & Family  
Formoyle  
Bellacorick  
Ballina  
Co. Mayo

Date: 29 May 2023

Re: Proposed development of Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 3 consisting of 18 wind turbines.  
Within the townlands of Laghtanvack, Croaghaun (also known as Croaghaun West), Moneynieran,  
Corvoderry, Shanvolahan, Dooleg More, Shranakilly, Bellacorrick and Shanvodinnaun, Co. Mayo

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development 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.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

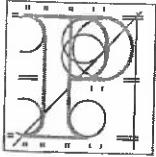
  
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**Planning Appeal Online Observation****Online Reference**

NPA-OBS-002083

**Online Observation Details**

Contact Name  
John Gerard (Snr) Moyles

Lodgement Date  
25/05/2023 16:22:29

Case Number / Description  
316178

**Payment Details**

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
John Moyles

Payment Amount  
€50.00

**~~Processing Section~~**

S.131 Consideration Required

☐ Yes — P.T.O. ☐ N/A — Invalid

Signed

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Date

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## SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received .....  
from ..... I recommend that section 131 of the Planning  
and Development Act, 2000 be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):  
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Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

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Section 131 to be invoked — allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

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Please prepare BP ..... — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

To

Task No

Allow 2/3/4 weeks

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The Secretary,  
An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough St,  
Dublin 1.

Bord Pleanála Case reference: PA16.316178

Dear Sir or Madam

We wish to make the following observations in relation to the Proposed development of Oweninny Wind Farm Phase 3 consisting of 18 wind turbines in County Mayo by Bord na Mona Energy Ltd (PA16.316178).

1. As you will note from our original objection to phase 1 & 2 of this project – our dwelling house (occupied) and farm lands are located at Formoyle, Bellacorick, Ballina, Co. Mayo – we border the Oweninny wind farm site.

Re: the applicants original environmental impact statement....

CHAPTER 11 – LANDSCAPE –

0 - 2.5 km (radius) - Turbines typically form the dominant landscape element in good visibility.

We are within this zone of the nearest proposed turbines and object to them forming the dominant elements in our landscape.

2. Noise

Due to the position of our property – bordering the site to the East, we are particularly concerned about noise pollution from the windfarm. The cumulative effects of all turbines on site will have noise levels greater than the projected reading that the applicant shows on their documents.

**Further concerns here are that we are located downwind of the site – meaning we will be most prone to the cumulative effect of turbine noise.**

3. Re: the applicants environmental impact statement....

We object to the devaluation of our family property and lands at Formoyle, Bellacorick, Ballina, Co. Mayo (bordering the wind farm) which will undoubtedly occur due to the visual impact that the applicant points out together with the undoubted noise pollution that will occur as per their environmental impact statement.

4. We are particularly concerned about the location of Turbines T15 and T16 and also concerned about the locations of turbines T12, T13, T14 & T17. These turbines are in very close proximity to our property and will impact our farming and our standard of living. We would like these 6 turbines to be omitted from the planning application. The locations of T15 & T16 in particular are too close to our dwelling house. Their proximity will mean noise pollution, radio and tv signal interference on our property as well as the negative impact on the natural landscape, upsetting the fragile eco system in a special area of conservation and devaluing our unique property.
5. The location of the structure labelled 'Temporary contractors compound 2' is also of concern. More detail needs to be provided about noise levels which will be generated from ongoing works associated with this structure and the nearby borrow pit and peat deposition areas. Also, a deadline for removal of this temporary structure should be in place if permission is granted. The structure and associated works are again likely to have a negative impact on the fragile ecosystem in the area through noise pollution and damage to the boglands.
6. We object on the grounds that no physical visual aid has been put in place on the sites of T12, T13, T14, T15, T16 or T17 to show the size and impact that these turbines will have on our currently unspoilt landscape.
7. We also object to the fact that no attempt has been made by the applicant to use technology to allow us to listen to a calculated simulation of the future cumulative turbine noise which will occur at our property, especially during high winds in the dead of night. Noise generated from their existing turbines which are much further away can already be heard on our property.

#### 8. Wildlife

As our lands bordering the site is a special area of conservation and important breeding grounds for 29 species of birds of conservation importance, we are concerned about the effect that these turbines will have on the bird and bat population. A number of breeding waders are known to either nest or have flight paths through the proposed site including the golden plover which is commonly seen in the area. Also the applicant should be aware of the large badger population on their site – known to have excellent hearing, they will be negatively impacted by the raised noise levels from these turbines.

#### 9. Flora and Fauna / Formoyle Flush

We object to the fact that the many tonnes of concrete and stone required for the turbine foundations and many new access roads on site will impact the natural bogland. This will clearly affect water levels in the surrounding bogland and upset the natural ecosystem in the area. Flora and fauna will be affected both on site and on neighbouring properties. This is also likely to affect the 'Formoyle Flush' which is an important area of conservation due to the presence of marsh saxifrage and sensitive associated species. It is located on our property within a special area of conservation. The development is very likely to negatively impact the flush. We would also point out that the generic conservation objectives of these sites are: to maintain or restore the favourable conservation condition of the Annex I habitats and/or Annex II species for which the sites have been designated; and therefore that the current proposed project should not limit any future restoration obligations.

10. The Cluddaun Wind Farm has previously been refused planning permission. Many of the reasons permission was refused for Cluddaun also apply to Oweninny as these projects are right beside each other. Permission must be refused for these relevant reasons. The Board should also take note that several other proposed Wind Farms have been refused planning permission in the area and the reason these Wind farms have been refused planning permission are also applicable to Oweninny.

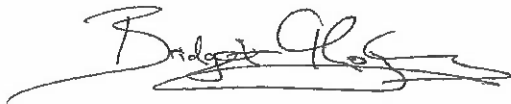
11. The proposed development, due to its nature and extent in this flat open and exposed landscape, in close proximity to several amenity and heritage features; would seriously impact on the visual amenity and natural character of the area (which it is necessary to preserve); when viewed from the immediate vicinity of the site and from designated scenic routes beyond in both Co Mayo and Co Sligo and also possibly in Co's Leitrim and Donegal. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Yours sincerely,



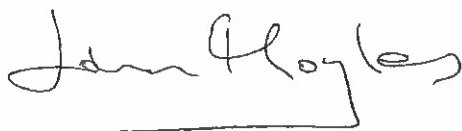
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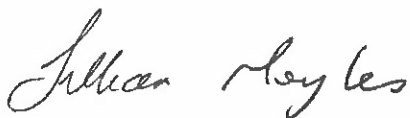
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Bridget Moyles, Formoyle, Bellacorick, Ballina, Co. Mayo.



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John G. Moyles Junior, Ballinlabaun, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo.



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Jillian Moyles, Ballinlabaun, Crossmolina, Co. Mayo.