

Martin John & Patricia Cosgrove  
Shranakilla  
Bellacorick  
Ballina  
Co. Mayo  
F26TC92  
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,

  
Sarah Caulfield  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01 8737287

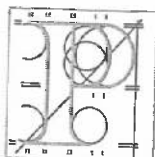
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Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-002081

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Patricia Cosgrove

Lodgement Date  
24/05/2023 23:46:47

Case Number / Description  
316178

### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
Patricia Scanlon

Payment Amount  
€50.00

### Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

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To whom it may concern,

We, Martin John and Patricia Cosgrove, wish to make an objection to the proposed Development of Oweninny Wind farm Phase 3 at Croaghaun West, Moneynieran, Corvoderry, Shanvolahan, Dooleg More, Srahnakilly, Bellacorick and Shanvodinnaun Co. Mayo.

The proposed Development consists of 18, 200m high, wind turbines, in an area where Phase 1 and 2 consist of a total of 60, 178m high, wind turbines.

We live on the L52925, which runs adjacent to the proposed Development. There has been a failure to consult effectively with local residents and Community Groups in relation to the proposed Development, therefore no opportunity to voice our fears, concerns and get answers to any of these queries relating to the said Development. As a Community we have sought a public meeting but the developers have failed to provide this.

There are visual impacts.

The landscape has changed significantly and is permanently altered and this Development would only have a negative impact on an area which is the 'Gateway to Erris', which is highly dependent on tourism for its economic development. I don't see the need to have such a high concentration of wind turbines in a small geographical area like Bellacorick.

Despite the overwhelming evidence in favour of peatland restoration as a benefit for climate and biodiversity, we are still seeing windfarms applications in these sensitive areas.

Would it be more beneficial to reserve the area to wetlands?

Impact on wildlife, movement of Deer. The construction of wind turbines have a negative impact on wildlife habitat, migration routes and species. Noise and air pressure changes caused by turbine blades spinning also negatively affect wildlife. Deer move from forestry areas onto local farms as deforestation occurs to allow for construction.

Risk of flooding – the developer proposes to use vast amounts of concrete and build miles of access roads on peatland. These plans would reduce water absorption on the site causing water to run off into nearby river and lake potentially causing flooding of local farms and

roads. Pumping/draining remnant peatlands leads to pollution of rivers, thus affect fish stocks and their habitat. Pumping also ensures that the peat continues to release greenhouse gases.

There are inconveniences to local people during construction

- Extra traffic, articulated trucks/lorries
- Air pollution
- Road disruptions and damage to road on route from quarry to windfarm site
- Noise pollution during construction and operation of Windfarm

The presence of wind turbines in the landscape is not justification for further wind turbines. There are far too many windfarm proposals for this area and it is clear that that cumulative impact will be far greater.

We hope you take these important points into consideration when evaluating the proposed Development.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin John Cosgrove

Patricia Cosgrove

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