Our Case Number: ABP-316212-23



Catherine Doyle Grangemore Raharey Co. Westmeath N91F850

Date: 15 February 2024

Re: Proposed development of 26 no. wind turbines and associated works.

at the Ballivor Bog Group, Co. Meath and Co. Westmeath.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent letter in relation to the above mentioned case. The contents of your letter have been noted.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Ashling Doherty **Executive Officer** 

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## **Ashling Doherty**

From: Catherine Doyle <catherinedargandoyle@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday 12 February 2024 11:56

To: SIDS

Subject: Proposed development of 26 wind turbines at Ballivor Bog Group

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Case Number ABP-316212-23 I have read through the MKO report- Response to Observations Received- I must say I am very unhappy with a lot of the information provided in the report. It's provided very little comfort to a close resident of the proposed development.

I feel the visual impact of this development can't and never could be mitigated due to the sheer scale of the development.

The impact on historic flora and fauna cannot be ignored or overlooked by simply avoiding the location and doing the work a little further away from where evidence of life of endangered species has been found.

Replanting historic trees (oak, ash etc) in another location post construction is ludicrous how long before that can ever mirror what is already there if indeed at all.

The "short term" 12 hour days 6 days a week for 2 years minimum as this can be increased for some transportation during nighttime hours of component parts for turbines is hardly insignificant and very vague with regard to roads that will be impacted the most frequently.

There also seems to be no disclosure on the emissions from diesel vehicles throughout the construction phase which has major concerns for me .

Only one school seems to have been listed and the plan is to possibly reduce the number of vehicles at starting and finishing time at the school. Major safety concerns need to be addressed a 15 or 20 minute "quiet" time is not enough children most likely cycle to local schools at various times of the year.

Carbon emissions are a major concern I would really like to know what contributes to the figures included ,in my mind there is so many different categories- mining of finite metals (using slave labour in most cases), steel production, quarrying, concrete production, shipping, transportation, tree felling, excavating the bogs carbon sink etc etc this detail should be included and detailed in any report.

Thank you for considering my opinions on the report . Kind regards, Catherine Doyle