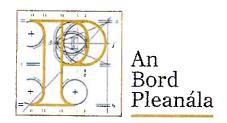
Our Case Number: ABP-316212-23



Diarmuid Priest Lisclogher Great Delvin Co. Westmeath C15N6P9

Date: 09 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 submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

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.

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,

Ashling Doherty Executive Officer

Direct Line: 01-8737160

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Submission to: An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough St, Dublin 1

Person making the submission: Diarmuid Priest

Address: Lisclogher Great, Delvin C15N6P9

Time: 9:58 By: post Planning Application: Wind Farm Development including 26 turbines and all associated works, by Bord na Móna Powergen LTD.

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Proposed location: Ballivor Bog Group, County Meath and County Westmeath

Submission Case reference: PA25M.316212, and associated response to observations, as published by Bord na Mona Jan 22nd 2024.

Subject Matter of this submission and related observations:

I submitted observations in June 2023 on the original application. Having reviewed the response from the applicant Bord na Mona, through its consultant firm, MKO, I am left very unsatisfied. It is my opinion that Bord na Mona's response to my points are entirely inadequate e.g. how they have responded to my concerns relating to proposed wind farm scale, the consequent excess use of high carbon-emitting materials such as concrete in the bogs as well as Shadow Flicker. Based on the inadequacy of responses I remain wholly opposed to this planning application.

I am now raising a new concern relating to a potential direct impact on my property and home, as laid out below.

In July 2023, I received correspondence from the Land Registry (PRAI) informing me that Bord na Mona has applied for easement on my property, based on historic and unobstructed access to their lands via my property. It is understood that this application is directly in connection with their proposed windfarm and specifically in relation to access to the site from the Lisclogher side. However, the access point at Lisclogher does not appear to be clearly identified on any map in the original application and this must be addressed. The original application scope refers: "Construction of permanent site entrances off a local road into Lisclogher...".

Of more immediate concern to me is the following:

DIARMUID PRIEST

I do not accept Bord na Mona's claims, as stated through PRAI, and have objected as such via sworn Affidavit, in August 2023; see attached. Please also find attached copy of correspondence from me to you (An Bord Pleanala) relating to this matter.

I draw the Inspector's specific attention to this matter as a grant of planning permission cannot be considered while such matters of proposed windfarm access routes and associated easement rights are in question. In addition, while access routes remain unresolved, then areas of the application such as "Roads and Traffic" (2.1.17 of Response) and "Community Consultation" (2.1.20 of Response) require further scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH CURRAN B.A.

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ABP-316212

An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, <u>Dublin 1</u> **D01 V902**

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Dear Sirs,

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We respectfully request that you take our client's views on access over his property into the Lisclogher/Woodtown West Bog into account when considering the application.

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THE PROPERTY REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

DEALING NO. 2023LR087656D (APPLICANT – BORD NA MONA PLC)

COUNTY MEATH

FOLIOS WH11660, WH13854, WH17661, MH17958, WH27711F, MH52278F

- I, Diarmuid Priest of Lisclogher, Delvin in the County of Westmeath (postal address Woodtown, Athboy, Co. Meath) aged 18 years and upwards, make oath and say:-
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- 2. I refer to the application of Bord na Mona, the subject of the above dealing, to register an easement in respect of a right-of-way (claimed) over the road or path delineated on a map attached to letter from Tailte Éireann dated 14/07/23.
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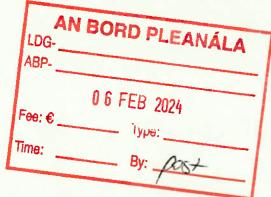
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Commissioner for Oaths



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