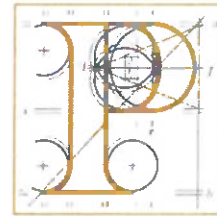


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Oonagh Clarke and Ian McLoughlin
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N91YD25

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,

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An Bord Pleanála Reference SID Case Ref: PA25M.31612

Applicant: Bord na Mona/Powergen Ltd.

Description: Ballivor Wind Farm consisting of no. 26 wind turbines with a tip height of 200m and associated temporary and permanent structures and site works in the townlands of Lisclogher Great, cockstown, Clonmorrill, Clonleame, Bracklin, Craddanstown, Killagh, Grangemore, and Riverdale County Westmeath and Clondalee More, Derryconnor, Clonycavan, Robinstown, Coolroonan, Doolystown and Moyfeagher County Meath.

Dear Sir or Madam

We wish to make a follow up submission opposing the Strategic Infrastructure Development by Bord na Mona /Powergen Ltd within the context off the following issues and concerns:

Population and Human Health

Chapters 5 and 11 of the EIAR. Population and Human Health, state that there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link wind turbines and negative health. We are not happy with the response on this section. A study was carried out in Denmark on the link between long term wind turbine noise exposure and the risk of atrial fibrillation in the Danish nurse cohort. The conclusion stated that 'the results from the first nationwide, prospective cohort study of Danish female nurses assessing the relationship between WTN exposure and Atrial Fibrillation offer suggestive evidence of an association' https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335533541_Long-term_wind_turbine_noise_exposure_and_the_risk_of_incident_atrial_fibrillation_in_the_Danish_Nurse_cohort

Recently an article appeared in the Midland Tribune

<https://www.offalyexpress.ie/news/home/1352776/offaly-residents-say-wind-farm-is-affecting-their-physical-and-mental-health.html> where residents living beside nine

turbines of Cloghan Wind Farm said that the enormous turbines are having a negative effect on their mental and physical health.

In the Journal.ie an article appeared <https://www.thejournal.ie/high-court-siblings-settle-wind-farm-action-5021713-Feb2020/> where three children received €225,000 settlement over alleged illnesses caused by windfarm near family home

The conclusion that the development will not have a significant or detrimental effect on the human population is highly questionable.

Road Safety and Traffic Generation

Chapter 14 does not present an accurate picture of the potential impact associated with HGV traffic and the potential of harm to residents living along the route and structural issues to properties . As stated in our original submission the R156 is unsuitable due to its narrow carriageway width and inadequate structure of the road as evidenced through the widespread and extensive deterioration of the road.

Due to the significant time constraint of 3 weeks it has not been possible to address all the points in our original submission.

For the reasons stated above we respectfully request that An Bord Pleanala refuse planning permission.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signatures of Oonagh Clarke and Ian McLoughlin in blue ink.

Oonagh Clarke & Ian McLoughlin