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**Date:** 31 July 2023

**Re:** Construction of Dyrick Hill Windfarm comprising 12 no. wind turbines and related works.  
Townlands of Ballymacmague North, Ballymacmague South, Ballynaguilkee Lower, Ballynaguilkee  
Upper, Broemountain, Carrigaun (Mansfield) and others, Co. Waterford.

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.

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

Yours faithfully,



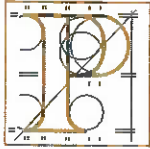
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## SID Online Observation

Online Reference  
SID-OBS-000981

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
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Lodgement Date  
21/07/2023 16:37:28

Case Number / Description  
317265

### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
Matthew McGrath

Payment Amount  
€50.00

### Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

☐ Yes ☐ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

☐ Yes ☐ No

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### Finance Section

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

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Refund Date

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SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board  
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Date

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## **MATTIE McGRATH TD**

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21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**Submission on Application Reference Number: PA93.317265**

To whom It may Concern:

This Strategic Infrastructure Development application is seeking permission for 12 no. Wind Turbines in the vicinity of Dyrrick Hill, which while located in County Waterford, the development borders a number of townlands in South Tipperary including Boolahallagh, Aughavanlomaun, Priesttown and Monatouk all within the parish of Newcastle, Co. Tipperary.

As an elected representative for Tipperary and a resident of Newcastle, Co. Tipperary, I wish to highlight the following observations on the above application. I must point out that I am also a landowner on the Knockmealdown Mountains and own upland farmland which is in use as a sheep farm at Kilnacarriga, Co. Tipperary and Knockanask, Co. Waterford.

It is essential that An Bord Pleanála take into account the following when considering this application:-

- The County Development Plans of both Waterford County Council and Tipperary County Council noting, in particular, the designation of these lands as **unsuitable for wind energy development** and as a **"wind exclusion zone"**.
- The recommendations of Waterford County Council executive to refuse this application and the unanimous support of Waterford County Council Elected Representatives for its refusal as such a development would materially contravene policies UTL 13 and L02 of Waterford County Development plan and would be **contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area**.
- The proposed area is part of a **Special Area Of Conservation** (Blackwater Catchment), **'Most Sensitive' Scenic Classification** (Waterford County Council Development Plan) and is located over a **Locally Important Aquifer of High To Extreme Vulnerability** (Geological Survey Of Ireland).

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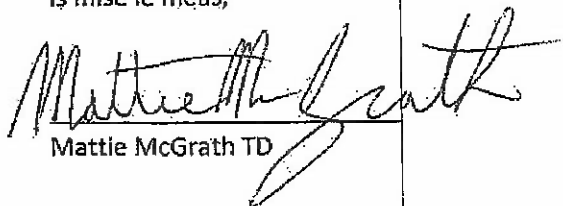


- The impact of the development on the landscape character noting the sensitivities of the Knockmealdown Mountains that are designated as **Primary Amenity Areas** in the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028.
- The area is home to a number of **protected species** that are either threatened, Red List or protected under national and EU legislation. These include Hen Harriers, Buzzards, Bats (protected under national and EU legislation) and Pine Martens, to mention but a few. The area is also home to the cuckoo, while not on the red list of endangered species has been in significant decline across Ireland for many years now and such a development would have a significant impact on the natural habitat of these species among others.
- The carrying capacity and safety of the **road network** serving the proposed development and the adequacy of the local road network to accommodate heavy construction traffic associated with the proposed development.
- The area is an area of unspoilt natural landscape and is home to a number of Scenic Drives, Walks and cycle routes within Counties Tipperary and Waterford. Particular attention should be given to the preservation of the character and distinctiveness of these areas as viewed from scenic routes and the environs of archaeological and historic sites. Consideration must be given to the impact of this development on the cultural heritage and tourism potential of the area. The Knockmealdown Mountains have grown in popularity for outdoor activities and has huge potential for increased tourism development due to its unspoilt natural beauty. The area has been identified as an area for future Tourism Development in the 2020- 2030 Tipperary Tourism Development Plan and such a development would eradicate the future tourism potential of this area.
- The Protected views of the Knockmealdowns Mountains as designated under the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022.

Finally, it is imperative that An Bord Pleanála respect and uphold the principles which are outlined in the County Development Plans of both Waterford County Council and Tipperary County Council. Any move to grant permission for such a development which is contrary to the County Development Plans of the area would represent a significant disregard for the Local Authority's and their elected members; would represent a deficit in democracy and would result in a massive breach of trust between the Local Authority, An Bord Pleanála and the public.

I trust therefore that the County Development Plans of both counties will be respected and upheld by An Bord Pleanála.

Is mise le meas,

  
Mattie McGrath TD