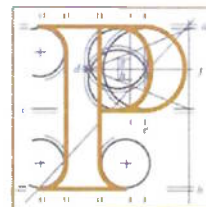


Our Case Number: ABP-317560-23



An
Bord
Pleanála

Jennifer Harrison
Newtown
Castleconnor
Co. Sligo

Date: 21 March 2024

Re: Proposed windfarm development including 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.
Carrowleagh, Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and Curraun, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your 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 in respect of this 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 or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Murphy
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RE: Case Number : ABP – 317560-23

SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>

Fri 1/19/2024 11:55 AM

Good afternoon,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Kind regards,
Niamh

From: jennie tuffy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Cc: jennie tuffy <[REDACTED]>; tom tuffy <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Case Number : ABP – 317560-23

Fao Lauren Murphy, Executive Officer

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Response to : Mercury Renewables response to planning application submissions.

To Whom it may concern,

Before the closing date of 31st August 2023 I submitted my observations in regard to the planning application by Mercury Renewables to their proposed Windfarm in Co.Mayo and Hydrogen Plant in Co.Sligo.

I still have concerns despite the rather lengthy response by the applicant and I feel that some of my observations were not covered and responses to those concerns didn't appear in the applicants response.

Despite Mercury Renewables providing evidence of consultation with the public it still remains that most of that was communication with the community in Co Mayo when the original plan was to base the entire project in Mayo.

Evidence of this is provided by the client in the response on page 53 where various publications and media outlets are quoted, all the information contained, relating to the project is aimed at the Co Mayo audience, as at the time the project was solely based in Mayo. When the hydrogen plant was located to Co Sligo is where the issue arises in regards to lack of communication. I would be most alarmed that

this doesn't seem to be an issue for the applicant merely quoting previously completed work instead of a complete revision of the project which in essence as a SID Project , should have been a priority.

On pages 40, 152 and 153 there are mentions of peat cutting ceasing within the application site, and mention of all these lands are under the control of the applicant.

On page 152, the applicant states that there are consents in place for all areas of the wind farm under the footprint of the proposed development.

On page 153 the applicant states that peat cutting will cease on lands in the control of the applicant.

In my submission I stated that land under my control appeared to be in a spoil deposition area and expecting a reply I still remain unclear what lands the applicant is referring to as no permission has been given to the applicant to lands in my family's control. To reiterate Mercury Renewables have no consent from this land owner.

On page 105 in the Traffic and Transport section there seems to be a rather large gap in the absence of the submission to TII of the new roundabout at the junction of the n59 and local road L6612-1.

The road safety audit team approved by TII don't seem to have provided the TII with the information relevant to the location and with the information provided for local road L6612 on page 106, which is not the access road for the Hydrogen site, it provides incorrect data for the location.

On another note and it may be a small one but the timing of submissions at the end of the summer holidays and the receipt of the reply before Christmas with a reply date of the 18th of Jan seems excessively tight especially having to get into offices to access information.

As per the request by Sligo County Council on page 14, I would also like to again request an Oral hearing on this project, one which is a major SID and uniquely one of the first of its kind in the country.

Please acknowledge receipt of my concerns by email as soon as possible,

Regards,

Jennifer Harrison