



Department of Defence
C/o Don Watchorn
Property Management Branch
Department of Defence
Station Road, Newbridge
Co. Kildare

Date: 04 August 2023

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,

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A Chara,

Please find attached observation letter in respect of Planning Application ref. ABP 317560-23

Application by Mercury Renewables (Carrowleagh) Limited, for the development of 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo & hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.
Located at Carrowleagh, Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and Curraun, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.

The letter is has been sent electronically.

Is mise, le meas,
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An Bord Pleanála
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ABP ref. 317560-23

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the above planning application by Mercury Renewables (Carrowleagh) Limited, for the development of 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo & hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo. Located at Carrowleagh, Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and Curraun, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.

Following consultations with our Air Corps colleagues at Casement Aerodrome, the Department of Defence would like to make the following observations:

As the N17 between Sligo and Knock is identified as a critical low-level route:

- All turbines should be illuminated by Type C, Medium intensity, Fixed Red obstacle lighting with a minimum output of 2,000 candela to be visible in all directions of azimuth and to be operational H24/7 days a week.
- Obstacle lighting should be incandescent or, if LED or other types are used, of a type visible to Night Vision equipment. Obstacle lighting used must emit light at the near Infra-Red (IR) range of the electromagnetic spectrum, specifically at or near 850 nanometres (nm) of wavelength. Light intensity to be of similar value to that emitted in the visible spectrum of light.

Any Irish Air Corps (IAC) requirements are separate to Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) requirements.

Please contact me if you have any queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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