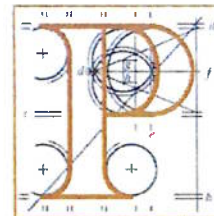


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**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Aileen Bourke  
Carra  
Bonniconlon  
Ballina  
Co. Mayo

**Date:** 27 May 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 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.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://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,

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Firlough Wind Farm and Hydrogen Plant

Client – Mercury Renewables (Carrowleagh) Limited.

I live in Carra, Bonniclonlon, on the L6612 – the proposed construction haul route and I work from home. I mainly deal with children under the age of 16 and this proposed project, if it gets planning permission will have a detrimental effect on my livelihood during the construction phase. I teach and promote traditional Irish music, preparing students for exams and international competitions. My students are dropped off and picked up by their parents or other family members at my home.

E.I.A.R. Chapter 15: Traffic & Transport

#### *15.5.10 Driver Delay P.71*

*There is potential for driver delay on the Grid Connection Route, Interconnector Route and Construction Haul Routes during its construction and during the deliveries of materials/removal of surplus spoil. All the above will have the potential to be moderate/high for local residents but will be short term in nature.*

#### *15.6 MITIGATION MEASURES:*

##### *15.6.1 Construction Phase P.76*

*All significant traffic likely to be generated by the Wind Farm will be during the construction of the Proposed Development and will be temporary in nature. It is envisaged that the construction period for the Wind Farm will span a 21-month period with the underground cable being installed over a concurrent 12 month period.* How is this short term in nature? Concurrent means at the same time.

I would also like to point out that there was misleading and incorrect information on the Open Day banner for the two public information days on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### *Transportation Routes – Construction Routes*

*The haul route to the site leaves the N59 and taking local road L6612-1- this is incorrect as this is the road where the proposed roundabout will be for access to the hydrogen plant.*

*Knockbrack road L6612 for 3.4km and turning right on to the L2606 – L1102 is the number of the road.*

*It turns left on to the Emlymor road for 2.6km before turning right on Knockbrack road for 200m to the site entrance. Emlymor is in the opposite direction – towards Castleconnor Church and Knockbrack road is L6612.*

*The route away from the site travels back along the Stokane road and the Emlymor road, then turns right on to the L2606 and follows this for 3.4km to the N59 – The Stokane road is the road for the turbine*

delivery route and the Emlymoran road is the L1102 which continues out as far as the N59 at Castleconnor Church.

- My family owns land on the haul route and I hope to apply for planning permission in the not too distant future. It is proposed to run grid connection and interconnector route through our local road L6612. How deep will the trench be to facilitate 6 cables in a steel box? There are other utilities along this road – group water scheme pipes on one side and Mayo County Council public supply on the other side. I worry that this will affect my chances of getting planning permission as access to the public water scheme will be on the other side of the road, which means having to try and avoid the cabling in the centre of the road.
- Have any allowances been made for the elderly living in the area who will be affected by the proposed project? What about emergency services?
- The diversions proposed for L6612 for grid connection and the interconnector route are not in my opinion suitable for tractors with trailers, lorries, trucks or horse lorries (which are a common sight on this road).
- I read about a possible shuttle service being made available when the question was raised about road diversions and also about people out walking, cyclists, children on bikes and people on horses – how does that make sense?

I have many reservations about this proposed project and I fervently feel that it should be sited where there is heavy industry.

Signed:

Aileen Bourke,

Carra, Bonniclon, Ballina, Co. Mayo.