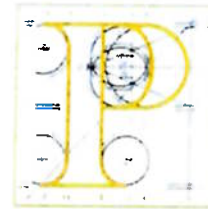


**Our Case Number: ABP-317560-23**

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



**An  
Bord  
Pleanála**

Brendan and Helen Rutledge  
Ballinahaglish  
Ballina  
Co. Mayo  
F26E225

**Date: 24 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.

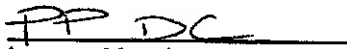
The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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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*RE: Proposed windfarm development including 13 no. wind turbines in Bunmyconnellan, Co. Mayo and hydrogen plant in Castlecomor, Co. Sligo. Case number 317560-23*

We, Mr Brendan Rutledge and Mrs Helen Rutledge, own the turbary rights to the two banks/plots of turf on which it has been proposed to erect turbine T13 without our knowledge or consent.

The proposed turbine no.13 will permanently destroy our two banks/plots of turf, effectively depriving us of our turbary rights.

Basically, both banks/plots of turf will be either covered in concrete or destroyed during construction.

This bog is actively harvested every year by us and we and our family intend to continue harvesting turf while, there is turf available for harvesting. We estimate that there will be a sufficient supply of turf to fulfil our needs for approximately thirty years.

At this moment in time, this year's turf is cut on our plot, the cutting of which is done by the same contractor annually.

Brendan's parents harvested the turf on these two plots, prior to passing them on to us, many years ago.

We have not been consulted about this application.

We are shocked that the applicant has the audacity to propose erecting a turbine and crane stand on our plots of bog without permission from us.

We have not given consent to the developer to use our plots. We have no intention of ever signing away our rights to these plots.

The applicant has no authority to take turbary rights from us.

We strongly reject the following claims by the applicant:

*'All consents are in place with the Landowners of the Wind Farm Site for the Proposed Development.' Response to submissions 2.0 Final 23 March, 2024.*

*'The Applicant has consents in place for all areas of the Wind Farm Site under the footprint of the Proposed Development.' P152 response to submissions Nov 2023*

We also wish to state that our plots is not in the control of the applicant and we will not be ceasing to cut turf on them.

*'To clarify, peat cutting will cease on the plots in the control of the Applicant, under the footprint of the Proposed Development, i.e. under the turbines, access tracks etc and habitat restoration area.' Nov 23 response to submissions p 153*

Yours sincerely,  
Mr. Brendan and Mrs. Helen Rutledge

