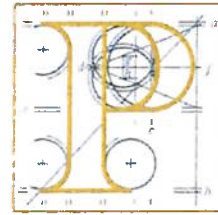


Our Case Number: ABP-317560-23



An
Bord
Pleanála

John Bourke
Carra
Bonniconlon
Ballina
Co. Mayo

Date: 30 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 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. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Lauren Murphy
Executive Officer
Direct Line: 01-8737275

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Carra,
Bonniconlon,
Ballina,
Co. Mayo.

17th May 2024

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To whom it may concern

I, the undersigned wish to state that I own and farm land in Carra, Bonniconlon on L6612, which is named as the construction haul route for Firlough Wind Farm and Hydrogen Plant project. My family home is also on this proposed route and I was dismayed to read the following:

4.12.4 Consents

A number of observations raised concerns that the relevant Statutory consents were not in place for works required along the public road for Grid Connection, Interconnector and works to haul routes including for passing bays. All landowner consents for these works are in place.

It would be prudent that An Bord Pleanála seeks proof of the landowner consents as 70% of the land adjacent to the L6612 is not in control of the applicant.

- I also wish to state that I have not been consulted nor have I given consent for proposed passing bays and road widening on my lands on L6612. They are mentioned in the planning drawings but there is no indication as to where they will be.
- I am worried about the welfare of my animals as some of my land is on the proposed construction haul route L6612 – the applicant's response was inadequate.

- I have turbary rights in Kilbride bog and I have not given consent for my plots to be interfered with in any way. The proposed road widening will impinge on the saving/harvesting my turf. There are also plans for spoil deposition and settlement ponds close to one of my plots.
- Has the applicant sought consents and releases from any turbary right holders, both registered and unregistered within the footprint of the proposed wind farm? There are many plots of bog cut at the moment which indicates that turbary rights still exist. They cease to exist once there is no capability for the bog to be cut and fee simple occurs. Fee simple is where the bog is depleted and the 'land' reverts to the commonage owners.
- In a recent newspaper article 'Renewable Island' it states that hydrogen can be produced through a chemical process known as electrolysis, where electricity is used to split water into hydrogen and oxygen. This is known as 'green' hydrogen. In 2022 less than 0.1% of global hydrogen or 0.087 million of 95 million tonnes was produced this way, according to the Corporate Europe Observatory which obtained figures from the International Energy Agency.
- The applicant does not indicate who the end user of the green hydrogen will be and does not provide a locational need for the hydrogen plant at Carraun.
- The proposed construction phase is 21 months for the wind farm. Construction will also take place for the proposed hydrogen plant at the same time. This will be 21 months of upheaval for the residents in the area. People should take precedence over developments like this.

Signed:

John Bourke