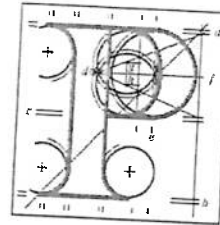


Our Case Number: ABP-317809-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
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Pleanála**

Alan and Sinead Bennett
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Date: 09 October 2023

Re: Proposed Coolglass windfarm and related works
In the townlands of Fossy Upper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland, Brennanshill,
Monamantry, Coolglass, Crissard and Kylenebehy, Co. Laois.

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.

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,


Evan McGuigan
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Development address: the townlands of fossyupper, Aghoney, Gorreelagh, Knocklead, Scotland Brennanshill, Monamantry coolglass, crissard, kylenebehy, Aughadreen Co Laois.

Proposed Coolglass wind farm and related works.

Dear Sir/Madam

I Alan & Sinead Bennett write in connection with the above listed planning application as a local resident with knowledge of the location I wish to object to the proposed wind farm development by Statkraft.

Listed below are some of my summarised observations and concerns

We have lived in this area for a long time our family dates back over a 200 years. We built our dream home here 17 years ago on our family land, we have 4 children and we have provision for them to build their houses around our home., will they want to build their houses surrounded by 13 180 m high wind turbines No they will not. Will the wind turbine company object to their application to build houses here YES they will.

This area is not suitable for wind turbines. We know it Laois county council know it and yet this company thinks that they can just move in and put up these turbines. As far as I can see it will decimate our landscape and nobody will be able to live here, so the future of our rural population will be very bleak.

Don't get me wrong it's not that I'm against wind Energy but it should be in a place suitable which is offshore inland is not suitable.

The funny thing about all this If a protected species of bird or animal lived in this area around my house (which there have been sightings) these wind turbines would not be allowed to be put up.... So people don't matter my family don't matter my children don't matter there is something fundamentally wrong with that.

In relation to animals and birds in my location I have seen red squirrel, hare, pine martin, baggers, wood mouse, fallow deer, silkie deer and wild goats, falcons and kestrels.. on numerous occasions as long as I have lived here. These birds and animals they live and breed around our home. The application from Coolglass states on chapter 15 ...Biodiversity p 100 to 101: that the above named animals and birds are in the area but none have nests or roosts within 100 meters of the site.. which is completely untrue. Hares have been registered and and pine martins have been video.

The liaison people from Coolglass windfarm came to my house with a lovely glossy brochure and asked me how I felt about it I said I was devastated as I am one of the houses that is 750 m from one of the wind turbines, [wind turbine no 10 on the planning application map.].. to my horror both the gentleman and lady sort of smiled at me and said but look you've got plenty of trees it'll block the sight of them, The trees around our house are maybe 30 feet high these astronomical huge wind turbines are a 180 m high they will just stand imposing over our beautiful home causing light flicker and constant humming noise they will cause, ill effects on our family health. They didn't care about my opinion they were just ticking the box saying they called to my house and gave me their brochure.

We are genuinely so upset and frantically worried about our future and our children's future we built this home thinking that our children would be safe and healthy here and could live here in the future and now we don't know what the future will bring.

I Implore you to read carefully into all the objections you receive and come to

the sensible realisation that the planning permission for this wind farm development should be refused.

I enclose €50 in respect of this objection all correspondence in this matter can be sent to me at

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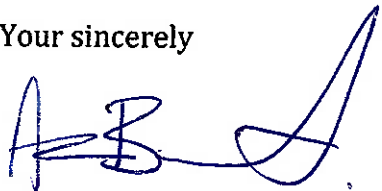
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Your sincerely



Siobhán Bennett

