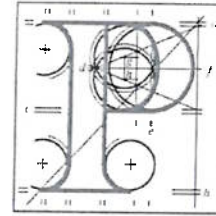


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**An  
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Eddie McDonald  
Mountain View  
Luggacurren  
Co. Laois  
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**Date:** 09 October 2023

**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](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email [sids@pleanala.ie](mailto:sids@pleanala.ie) quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
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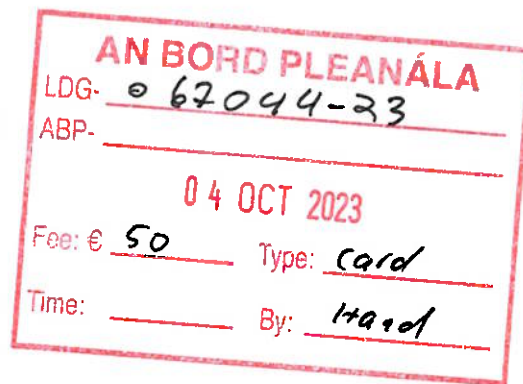
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Proposed Coolglass Windfarm and related works

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Eddie McDonald, write to express my vehement objection to the proposed Coolglass Windfarm in Luggacurren, County Laois. My objection extends beyond the immediate concerns about noise, environmental impact, and community engagement; it pertains to what I believe is a violation of my civil rights as a resident of this area.

**\*\*Civil Rights Violation: A Matter of Principle\*\***

As a citizen and a resident of Luggacurren, I firmly believe that we have fundamental civil rights, including the right to live in a community that respects our well-being, quality of life, and the integrity of our environment. The proposed Coolglass Windfarm, in its current form, threatens to infringe upon these rights, and this is a matter of great concern.

**\*The Right to a Healthy Environment\***

One of the most basic civil rights is the right to live in a healthy environment. This includes the right to clean air, safe water, and an environment free from harmful pollutants. The noise pollution, visual intrusion, and potential environmental disruption associated with the proposed windfarm could undermine this fundamental right for the residents of Luggacurren.

Noise disturbances, as documented in other parts of Ireland with wind turbines, have been linked to sleep disturbances, increased stress levels, and negative impacts on physical and mental health. The right to a healthy environment encompasses the right to live free from such adverse effects on our well-being.

#### **\*The Right to Participate in Decision-Making\***

Another vital civil right is the right to participate in decision-making processes that affect our lives and communities. In this regard, I contend that our rights have been violated concerning the Coolglass Windfarm proposal.

Community engagement is not a mere formality but a foundational principle of democratic societies. It empowers residents to voice their concerns, contribute to decision-making, and hold developers accountable. The absence of public meetings or consultations concerning this project has effectively silenced our community's voice, violating our right to participate in decisions that profoundly impact our lives.

#### **\*The Right to Due Process\***

The right to due process is another cornerstone of civil rights. It ensures that individuals are treated fairly and equitably under the law. In the context of the Coolglass Windfarm, concerns about due process arise from the lack of transparency and community engagement.

Due process includes the right to be informed about decisions that affect us, the right to access relevant information, and the right to have our concerns heard and considered. Our community has been denied these rights in the planning and approval process of the windfarm development, leading to a violation of our civil rights.

#### **\*\*The Broader Implications: Preserving Democracy\*\***

While my objection is specific to the Coolglass Windfarm, it also carries broader implications for the preservation of democracy in our society. When the rights of residents to participate in decision-making processes are undermined, it erodes the very foundations of democratic governance.

In democratic societies, the voice of the people is paramount, and their concerns should be taken seriously and addressed transparently. The Coolglass Windfarm case serves as a stark reminder that the principles of democracy must be upheld not only in theory but also in practice.

**\*\*Conclusion: Upholding Civil Rights and Democracy\*\***

In conclusion, I urge the Bord to consider the profound implications of the proposed Coolglass Windfarm on civil rights and democracy in Luggacurren. As residents of this community, we cherish our civil rights, including the right to a healthy environment, the right to participate in decision-making, and the right to due process.

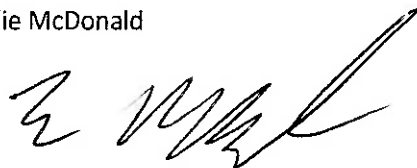
The potential violations of these rights in the context of the Coolglass Windfarm are deeply troubling. I implore the Bord to thoroughly assess the implications of this development, not only in terms of its environmental impact but also in terms of its adherence to the principles of democracy and respect for civil rights.

It is my sincere hope that the concerns raised in this objection will resonate with the Bord and lead to a fair and equitable consideration of the Coolglass Windfarm proposal, ensuring that the civil rights and democratic principles we hold dear are upheld and protected.

Please find enclosed my € 50 for my objection.

Sincerely,

Eddie McDonald

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie McDonald', with a stylized, flowing script.