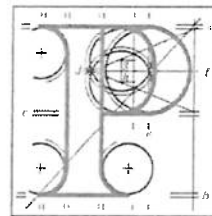


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Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Kathleen McDonald
Luggacurren
Co. Laois

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,



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Proposed Coolglass Windfarm and related works

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Kathleen McDonad, am writing to register a strong objection to the proposed Coolglass Windfarm, which is located a mere 950 meters away from our house in Luggacurren, County Laois. My objection is centered on the issue of noise pollution, as the proximity of these towering turbines to our homes raises legitimate concerns about the adequacy of the proposed noise mitigation measures.

****Noise Pollution: A Concern for Quality of Life****

The potential for noise pollution from wind turbines is a significant concern that cannot be underestimated. Given the close proximity of these turbines to our homes, the impact on our quality of life is of paramount importance. Noise pollution can disrupt our daily routines, disturb our sleep patterns, and create chronic stress, all of which can have severe implications for our well-being.

Complaints in Other Parts of Ireland

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Our concerns about noise pollution are not unique to Luggacurren; similar complaints have arisen in various parts of Ireland where wind turbines have been installed. These complaints illustrate the tangible and often adverse effects that noise from wind turbines can have on the lives of local residents.

1. **Boggeragh Mountains, County Cork:** In the case of the Boggeragh Mountains wind farm, residents have reported significant noise disturbances caused by the turbines. The continuous hum and swoosh from the rotating blades have led to sleep disturbances, increased stress levels, and negative impacts on their health and well-being.

2. **Kilranelagh, County Wicklow:** In Kilranelagh, the noise generated by wind turbines has been a source of contention for the local community. Residents have experienced disruptions to their daily lives, with noise levels exceeding what is considered acceptable in residential areas.

3. **Tournafulla, County Limerick:** In Tournafulla, concerns about noise pollution from wind turbines have been raised by residents. The persistent noise has led to sleep disturbances, causing both physical and mental health issues among those affected.

****Proximity Matters: The Need for Adequate Mitigation Measures****

The proximity of these towering turbines to our homes is a critical factor that exacerbates the potential for noise pollution. Wind turbines are known to produce a continuous, low-frequency noise that can carry over considerable distances, affecting those living in their vicinity.

The proposed noise mitigation measures put forth by the developer may not be adequate to address the unique challenges posed by the proximity of the turbines to our community. The uphill/downhill gradient of the landscape can further complicate the dispersion of noise, potentially amplifying its effects on our homes.

The cumulative impact of wind turbines in close proximity to residential areas is a cause for concern. The health and well-being of our community members, including children and the elderly, should not be jeopardized by inadequate noise mitigation measures. Sleep disturbances, increased stress levels, and compromised quality of life are genuine issues that need to be addressed.

****Conclusion: Preserving Quality of Life****

In conclusion, I strongly urge the Bord to consider the potential consequences of noise pollution on the residents of Luggacurren, including those living just 950 meters away from the proposed Coolglass Windfarm. Noise disturbances caused by wind turbines are not hypothetical; they have been documented in other parts of Ireland, leading to real and negative impacts on the lives of local communities.

Our concerns are not born out of opposition to renewable energy or climate change mitigation. We recognize the importance of these goals. However, we insist that they be pursued in a manner that does not compromise our quality of life, health, and well-being.

The proximity of these towering turbines to our homes requires a thorough and transparent evaluation of the proposed noise mitigation measures. The welfare of our community should be paramount, and planning permission for this development should be contingent on robust noise mitigation strategies that protect our peace and quality of life.

Sincerely,

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