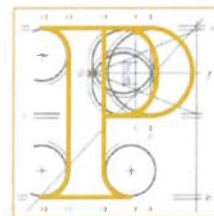


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318446-23

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Clotilde and David Kiely  
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Via Clonmel  
Co. Waterford  
E91XR63

**Date:** 26 January 2024

**Re:** Proposed construction of Coumnagappul Wind Farm consisting of 10 no. turbines and associated infrastructure.

In the townlands of Coumnagappul, Carrigbrack, Knockavanniamountain, Barricreemountain Upper and Glennaneanemountain, Skeehans, Lagg, Co. Waterford.  
([www.coumnagappulwindfarmSID.ie](http://www.coumnagappulwindfarmSID.ie))

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,

Niamh Hickey  
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Ballinakill, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Re Submission of Objection to An Bord Pleanála  
Ref: 318446  
Description Construction of Coumnagappul Wind Farm comprising of 10 turbines and related works in Co. Waterford.

Dear Sir, Madam,

We refer to the above-mentioned development and its recent planning application to your office.

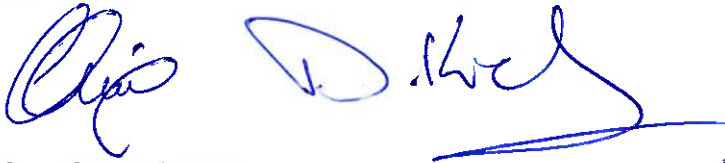
We would like to raise several issues regarding the said development;

1. On the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Waterford County Council refused us planning permission PD 19/926, for the construction of a 1 and a half storey dwelling, main residence, on our working family farm, located a minute from above-mentioned address. The Council stated the following as one of the main reason for refusal: "Having regard to the open nature of the site, the scenic amenity of its surrounds and proximity to a designated scenic route, it is considered that the proposed development would erode the character of the area and detract from the visual amenity of the area. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area." If planning should be granted to EMPOWER for the construction of 10 turbines in this area, An Bord Pleanála would be contradicting the County Development Plan, Waterford County Council and it would be highly unfair that projects of such a large scale be granted and that locals with much smaller projects should be refused.
2. The said development is located in an area which has been redeemed unsuitable by the County Development 2023. It would be wrong to overrule the CDP and not take the advise of the local council.
3. We wish to highlight that the said development site is sitting at the source of the Colligan River which is then running all the way to Dungarvan Harbour which is a Special Protection Area Conservation. Any disruption of this fragile hydrological environment will have a massive impact downstream all the way down to the harbour. Independently led hydrological survey must be carried out at the said development site to assess if the said project would affect the river and this site of SPA as classified by the European Union.
4. The Comeragh Mountains Special Area of Conservation, Natura 2000 designated by the European Union is located only a few hundreds meters to the said development. Granting the Coumnagappul Wind farm development would be contradicting the European vision of environmental protection.

We also wish to bring to your attention, that EMPower, in its Planning Application to An Bord Pleanala, has omitted to mention, in table 3-2, regarding schools in the area of the development, Kilbrien NS, located 4km to the project and the nearest school to it. This omission is of importance and highlight EMPower strategic plan to sway decision of An Bord Pleanala.

We would appreciate if close consideration would be given to the points made above in respect of granting the development of 10 wind turbines by EMPower at Coumnagapull site.

Regards

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature on the left is cursive and appears to be 'Clotilde'. The second signature on the right is also cursive and appears to be 'David Kiely'.

Clotilde and David Kiely