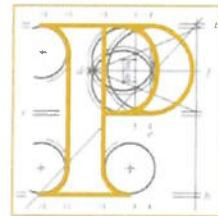


Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Bord
Pleanála

Helen Butler
Scart
Ballinamult
Co. Waterford

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)

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,

PP HCM

Niamh Hickey
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Submission of objection to An Bord Pleanála

Re: Planning no: 318446

€50 Fee enclosed.

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
LDG-	<u>069474-24</u>
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25 JAN 2024	
Fee: € <u>50</u>	Type: <u>Obn</u>
Time: <u>10:15</u>	By: <u>Hand</u>

Description: Development of Coumnagappul Wind Farm consisting of 10 Turbines
And all associated infrastructure.

To Whom it may concern,

I profusely object to this application for the following reasons.

- 1) This proposed development would have a detrimental affect on one of the most breath-taking landscapes in Ireland. I regularly walk the Comeragh Uplands and find it extremely therapeutic. I found this especially during the stress and uncertainties of covid times. The peace and tranquillity of our unspoilt Comeraghs bring solace to many.
- 2) The biodiversity and habitats of the Comeragh Uplands is of the utmost importance. So IMPORTANT that SUBSTANTIAL funding has been allocated for the uplands known as the Comeragh Communities EIP Project The project is funded by the EU Recovery Instrument Funding under the Rural Development programme. One of the visions for the Coumnagappul Upland is to improve and maintain the quality of the habitat. How can you improve and maintain the quality of the habitats by allowing your upland farm to be part of an Industrial sized windfarm?

The comments by another participant in the group who is NOT involved in the proposed Wind Farm and from a different Upland of the Comeraghs really struck a chord with the local community he stated "The sessions with the ecologist were the

first time in my life of walking this upland, that I was looking down at what I am walking on." This comment makes me believe in how important the Comeraghs are and coupled with the Waterford City and County Development Plan this planning application should not have come this far:

- 3) The Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 has deemed this project site as an exclusion zone for Wind Farm Development.
I ask An Bord Pleanála to please respect our Councils Development Plan.

For these reasons alone I think it is Imperative that this application is refused.

Yours Sincerely,

Helen Butler

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