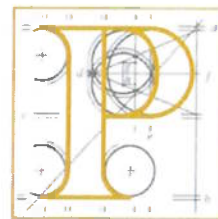


Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Bord
Pleanála

Kelly and Brian Canty
Reanadampaun
Ballymacarbry
Via Clonmel
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,

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Reanadampaun,
Ballymacarney,
Via Clonmel,
Co Waterford.

22/1/2024.

RE: Submission of Objection to An Bord Pleanála.
Ref: 318446

Description: Construction of Cumnagappul Wind farm comprising of 10 turbines and related works in Co Waterford.

Fee of €50 enclosed.

Dear Secretary.

We are submitting an objection to an Bord Pleanála to the construction of Cumnagappul Wind farm comprising of 10 turbines and related works in Co Waterford. Waterford City and County Development 2022-2028 have designated the site of the proposed Cumnagappul Wind farm as an exclusion zone for Wind Farm Development.

Being furnished with this information we really have to question why EM Power had the arrogance to pursue this.

This windfarm project for Cumnagappul can only be described as Aesthetic and Environmental Vandalism of the majestic Comeragh landscape that Cumnagappul forms part of. Also, it is noted from the Landscape Sensitivity Map that the majority of the Comeragh Mountains is classified as "most Sensitive".

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Cumnagappul Mountain, part of the Comeragh mountains, forming the backbone of Co Waterford, owe the origin of their formation to the weathering and erosion of the Caledonian mountain landscape that includes the Dublin Wicklow mountains that date back to 400 million years ago. The weathered sediments washed onto the sea floor forming a sandstone layer around 380 million years ago when most of Ireland was sea floor 30° South of the Equator. The Comeragh Mountain Old Red sandstone landscape emerged above sea level due to tectonic activity around 250 million years ago and form part of the Armorican folding landscape of Munster. This landscape has been naturally sculptured by weathering, fluvial and glacial activities over millions of years. This has resulted in a spectacular legacy of 14 glacial corries of which 9 are classed as Tarn Lakes including Cumnshingaun, Crotty's Lake and The Sgilloges. This natural legacy must be protected and preserved at all cost.

The Blanket Bog peatland of the Comeragh landscape that is actively growing and is up to two metres deep is home to a strong community of cottongrass, deergrass, heathers and mosses. The peat also acts as an important carbon sink that needs to be preserved.

Peregrine Falcons protected under the EU Birds Directive, and Ravens both use the Comeragh Mountain landscape as a breeding site. The Irish Hare listed as a Red Data Book species - that lists species that are rare, threatened and endangered, has also been recorded on the Comeragh Mountain slopes. We have a moral duty to preserve their natural landscape that they have survived in harmony with, over thousands of years. We cannot condone such fragmentation and destruction of their natural habitat that will inevitably happen with the construction of the 10 Turbines and related works in Cumnagappul and the surroundings.

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The Comeragh mountain landscape has many drainage patterns including the Colligan River that has its source in the Monavallagh mountain section close to the Cumnagappul wind farm project. This river flows south for 14 miles until it reaches the sea at Dungarevan Harbour. This windmill project would involve the removal of a very significant quantity of peaty landscape that would have to be moved to an alternative location. We cannot support such a project that has the potential to destroy the drainage system similar to the destructive Bog slides that occurred in Kilchreest, Co Galway in the October/November of 2003 as a direct consequence of the construction work involved for the Derrybrien Windfarm project. On this occasion the bog burst entered the river that flows into Lough Coutra resulting in the death of 50,000-100,000 wild brown trout and eels in the lake. Ten miles of the river were declared dead as well as polluting the water supply for Gort, Co Galway.

We therefore cannot allow the Cumnagappul wind farm project to start to the detriment of the Salmon, Brown Trout and Sea Trout that thrive in the Colligan River ecosystem.

I am living in the foothills of the Comeragh mountains for the last 55 years. Each day I admire and appreciate the panoramic natural beauty of this landscape that has a positive impact on my mental health. We will not support the construction of 10 windmills at Cumnagappul as it will considerably lower the quality of our lives through visual and noise pollution and increased stress levels that will negatively impact on our mental health. This project will congest and damage our road infrastructure network that we use on a daily basis to function as there will be an unnatural volume of heavy goods vehicles daily using this road network during the construction and maintenance process here after of the windmill site at Cumnagappul.

It would be a deficit of democracy if an Bord Pleanála granted permission for this development.

yours sincerely: Kelly Canty.
BRIAN CANTY.

The first of the two main parts of the book is a history of the world from the beginning of time to the present. The second part is a history of the world from the present to the future. The book is written in a simple, clear, and concise style, and is suitable for reading by anyone who is interested in the history of the world.