Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23

## **Planning Authority Reference Number:**



Kevin and Marianne Walsh Kilnafrehan West Dungaryan 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 Pleanala reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Niamh Hickey **Executive Officer** 

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Kevin and Marianne Walsh
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18th January 2024

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanala
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€50 fee enclosed



Observation regarding: 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.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to strongly object to the above development for the reasons listed below.

• Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028.

The area in which this wind farm is proposed is designated as an exclusion zone for wind energy in the Development Plan. Waterford City and County Council, along with the people of Waterford produced this Development Plan after a lengthy process of consultation. The Development Plan was then approved by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Planning Regulator.

## Ballynagare, Co. Kerry - Case reference: PL08.313007

As the Board is aware, the above mentioned Ballynagare Wind Farm was refused planning permission by An Bord Pleanala in September 2023 as the proposed wind farm was located in an area which is classed as an exclusion zone for wind energy in the County Development Plan.

"The Board was not satisfied that, notwithstanding the benefits of renewable energy proposals and the support at a national level, the proposed development would in this instance be plan led as it would not be in accordance with the stated objective of the Development Plan. The proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area" (Board Order ABP 313007-22)

We urge the Board the uphold the Waterford City and County Development Plan and refuse this application.

Kevin Walsh

Marianne Walsh