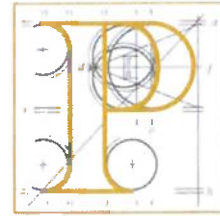


Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Bord
Pleanála

Liam Brazil and Seanie Power
Grawn
Leamybrien
Co. Waterford

Date: 30 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

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25th January 2024

Case Reference: PA93. 318446

Re: Planning Application for the development of a Wind Farm Consisting of 10 turbines and associated works

To whom this may concern,

As elected representatives of the Waterford City and County Council we wish to highlight our grave concerns in relation to PA93. 318446, the proposed construction of Coumragappul Wind Farm consisting of 10 no. turbines and associated infrastructure.

First and foremost, it is essential that An Bord Pleanála note that the area in question is designated as an exclusion zone for Wind Farm Development in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022-2028. The Comeragh Mountains which is home to the renowned Mahon Falls and Comeragh Drive, is one of Waterford's oldest tourist attractions, with unspoiled beauty and a wide variety of flora and fauna. We believe that this wind farm, with imposing monstrosities of 185m high, would destroy the beautiful scenery and the tourist attraction to the area. We would also like to note that there are currently plans in place to develop off-shore wind farms off the entire Waterford coastline, which the people of Waterford have been very receptive of. Waterford was recently named in the New York Times '52 places to go list for 2024' with references made to 'Waterford's natural riches' which no doubt includes the Comeragh mountain range.

The proposed site is at the heart of the Comeragh Mountains, an area rated most sensitive in landscape sensitivity rating of Waterford City and County Council development plan. It is an area of unspoilt beauty. It has no pre-existing infrastructure whatsoever to support this industrial sized development. The road leading to this site is part of the Comeragh Drive L1042 which is one of Waterford's oldest tourist attractions (4.5 star rating on Trip Advisor). The narrow road meanders through the rugged mountain where one can admire the unspoilt flora and fauna. At the best of times, two cars would just about pass each other on these roads. The area is rich in history, and we would note that scart bridge where the road links to the proposed development is a protective structure as per Waterford City and County heritage program (number wa751040). This road network would not be capable of accommodating the heavy construction traffic associated with this development and would pose a safety risk to residents and tourists alike.

Although the application makes reference to six school, they failed to mention the local national school in Kilbrien which is only 3k from the proposed wind farm.

This proposed wind farm is causing a lot of distress to the local people with the fear of losing their sense of serenity and privacy. We believe that it is very unfair for large companies to come in and destroy our sparsely populated, untouched natural landscape. As strong advocates for mental and suicide awareness we can see the impact that this proposal is having on local residents, causing undue stress. The loss of a peaceful and harmonious environment can disrupt the sense of security and stability that is crucial for maintaining a healthy state of mind. In turn this can lead to feelings of displacement and detachment from the place they call home.

Ten-year planning permission has been sought and a staggering forty year operational effectively wiping out a whole generation. We hope this letter evidently displays our deep concerns in relation to PA93. 318446, the proposed construction of Coumnagappul Wind Farm, please take these concerns into consideration.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require anything or if we could be of any further help.

Yours Faithfully,

Cllr Liam Brazil

Cllr Seanie Power

Councillor Liam Brazil

Councillor Seanie Power

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