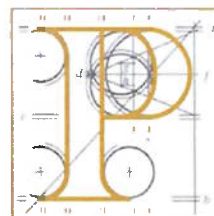


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Noel W. Peilow and Philippa M. Sellar  
Reanadampaun,  
Ballymacarbry,  
via Clonmel,  
Co. Waterford  
E91P291

**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](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,

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The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanala  
Strategic Infrastructure Department  
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24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Re Submission of Objection of Coumnagappul Wind Farm comprising of 10 turbines and related works in County Waterford

Fee of €50 attached in the form of a cheque

Dear Secretary

I am writing to strongly oppose any developments in the Comeraghs and specifically the current application at Coumnagappul.

I list below my reasons, covering a number of headings.

Location

1. Waterford City and Council Development Plan 2022-2028 have designated this area as an exclusion zone (or at least a no go area for such development)
2. Sillaheen application in 2015 was refused by Bord Pleanala due to the potential impact on the Nire Valley.
3. If the site is viable for Wind Turbines- would a planning application be acceptable to build a hotel- or even a house? The argument that wind turbines are better suited to open space where they will attract wind, is an equitable argument for a hotel with a view over the mountains in the vicinity- i.e being the 'best place'
4. Derrybrien in Co Galway Wind Farm was closed in 2022 costing the state €17 million due to the failure in the environmental study. Derrybrien was a peat bog, similar to the site in the Comeraghs.

### **Effect on local residents**

1. Unsightly- although subjective, there can be no doubt that residents in the surrounding area did not move here in order to be near a wind turbine. Those who have resided here all their lives equally would not have anticipated that the environment would be changed with the installation of 185m turbines.
2. The catchment area (the area affected by the installation) is huge- with everyone in a 10 mile radius being affected in some way.
3. Low level noise- I am unconvinced of the confirmation both in the application and their face to face meetings that local residents will be unaffected by noise. If there is any noise- even at low level, residents and indeed tourists will be affected.
4. Any Turbine situated between a dwelling and a TV mast may affect reception- has this been considered, and where in the application have they sited dwellings and TV transmission masts?
5. Divisions in the community regarding the installations- those who are for it are receiving payment by EM Power as they are leasing land- those who are against it receive nothing but an eyesore, and major inconvenience during the construction period and thereafter for maintenance.
6. My house will be affected by the installations as according to the photograph published by EM Power (taken 600m from my house), the turbine towers will overshadow my property
7. I am unconvinced that any developments carried out will not affect my water supply. I draw all my water from my well, which is supplied from water falling from the Comeraghs.

### **Effect on visitors to the Comeragh's**

1. I refer back to the unsightliness first, as in general wind turbines are not a tourist attraction- and therefore can only reduce the number of visitors to the area
2. Reduction in visitor numbers can only be detrimental to local trade. This is for the duration of the construction AND afterwards
3. People of Waterford have a right to access the Comeraghs without the damage caused by the construction and on-going usage of wind turbines, when there are off shore alternatives.
4. I am sure other local groups have submitted their objections (such as walkers, hikers, Bord Failte etc.) and I will rely on their input

### **Benefit to the community**

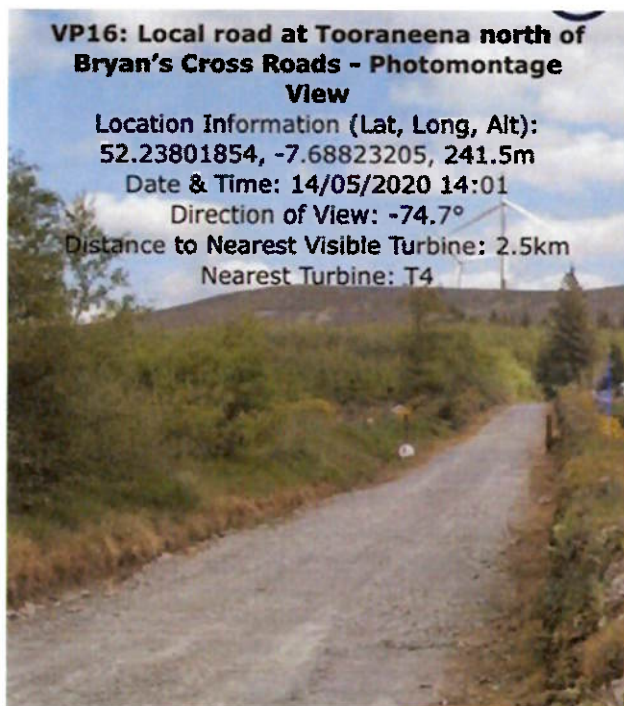
1. The only benefit to the local community is to those who have leased land for the purpose of the wind farm installation
2. In the brochures and application- EM Power have stated contributions to local facilities and a community fund -MANAGED BY A COMMUNITY TEAM- which has to be set up by the community itself in order to receive any contribution
3. The terms of the contribution are too vague, in that the wind turbines have to be functioning at a certain capacity to generate a contribution- what is to stop the Company turning off the turbines in order to avoid payments?

### **Construction**

1. Access to the site is by roads which were not actually built for cars or tractors, never mind articulated lorries. Although there is a commitment to repair any road damage at the end of construction, local residents have to continue using the roads in their damaged state for the duration. What about costs incurred for driving on roads damaged by constructors?
2. Narrow Roads-The roads are not wide enough for 2-way traffic once construction traffic turns off the Dungarvan-Clonmel road. Therefore, as local traffic vehicles will be smaller than construction traffic vehicles- locals will have to pull over and further put their cars at risk of damage.
3. Narrow Roads- With the narrow roads and elderly residents accessing these same roads- there is a high risk of injury to residents due to the nature of the construction traffic vehicles.
4. Narrow Roads- Walkers, runners, dog walkers and cyclists will be deterred from using the area for the duration of construction (and probably after) due to the risks caused by the construction traffic. There are no 'laybys' only a few turn-offs into entrances to the forestry which are not solid road surfaces.
5. 'Limited operations being carried out at night' - this is disruptive to me, my family, and the local livestock and wildlife. I live within 2km of the turbines and will be severely affected by this,

### **Further points:**

1. Although apparently 'wind power is most effective when turbines are situated on hill tops' is a justification for the wind farm in the Comeragh's, a hotel would equally be best suited on top of a hill, but I am sure planning would be refused!
2. The Green energy demand- although the world has no option but to go towards reducing carbon emissions- is being led by Companies with no connection to the areas they are 'invading'. Local communities are being destroyed due to pros and cons of wind farms in the locality due to the fact that the landowner is receiving money, and the ordinary person having to suffer the consequences with no recourse- akin to the civil war- but without the violence
3. You will see from below photograph taken from my boreen by EM Power or associates and publicly available- that turbines have been superimposed onto the photograph (by EM Power). My dwelling is 600m along that boreen towards the turbines.



4. Any mitigation measures stipulated in the application are inadequate should preventative measures fail. As a resident, we will be affected, by which time it will be too late- and the bureaucratic world will not allow

for any immediate resolution of an issue. We will be left with having to adapt- for example- should either the quality or the quantity of water change, who will be held accountable, and what is the immediate action? My property has stood for well over a hundred years as a dwelling house.

5. A 'high probability of success' is insufficient assurance that the local area will be undamaged permanently, and that some local residents will be forced to leave the area due to the disruption over a number of years in construction and maintenance, as well as the significant impact on the environment they either were born into, or chose to reside- which I did.

I would ask you to seriously consider all my objections, with an understanding that I am not against progression to a greener society- on the contrary- but I am against speculative commercialism, taking advantage of the times we live in, at the expense of the quality of the lives of others.

Yours faithfully

Noel W Peilow

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