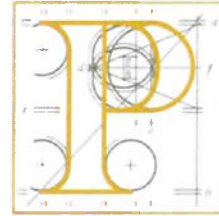


Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Bord
Pleanála

Paudie Cullinan
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Ballinamult
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,

Niamh Hickey
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19th January 2024

Submission: Objection to An Bord Pleanála - Ref:318446

Description: Construction of Coumnagappul Wind Farm Limited comprising 10 Wind Turbines and related works in County Waterford -

Fee enclosed 50e

Dear Sir/ Madam ,

Submission to An Bord Pleanála,

Re: Planning Application for Coumnagappul Wind Farm

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
LDG-	<u>069475-24</u>
ABP-	
25 JAN 2024	
Fee: € <u>50</u>	Type: <u>CHQ</u>
Time: <u>10:18</u>	By: <u>HAND</u>

I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed Coumnagappul Wind Farm development. My concerns primarily revolve around three key issues: the project's proximity to a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), the lack of community consultation, and the insufficient information provided to the local residents.

Firstly, the proposed wind farm is situated in close proximity to a designated Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The potential ecological impact on this sensitive area raises significant environmental concerns. The preservation of the SAC's unique ecosystem must be prioritised, and a thorough environmental impact assessment is essential to evaluate the potential consequences of the wind farm on the local biodiversity. I feel the EIAR provided does not sufficiently outline how the flora and Fauna of this unique landscape will be protected.

Secondly, the lack of adequate community consultation is troubling. Meaningful engagement with local residents is crucial in understanding and addressing their concerns. The absence of transparent communication undermines the democratic process and leaves the community feeling excluded from decisions that directly impact their lives.

Lastly, there has been a glaring lack of information provided to the local community regarding the Coumnagappul Wind Farm project. Insufficient details about the project's potential impacts on the environment, public health, and local infrastructure have left residents uninformed and unable to make well-informed decisions about the development. Specifically the traffic management appraisal is totally inadequate, the local primary school (Kilbrien N.S.) has been omitted from the report and local landowners have not been consulted with regard to the possible grid link route and the associated disruptions it will cause their

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge the planning authority to reconsider the approval of the Coumnagappul Wind Farm development. An exhaustive and transparent consultation process, along with comprehensive information sharing, is essential to address the apprehensions of the local community and safeguard the surrounding environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that the planning authority will carefully consider these objections in the decision-making process.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Cullinan