Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



Paul and Edel Grace Grousehall Milestone Thurles Co. Tipperary E41 VW58

Date: 29 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,

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<u>Submission: Objection to An Board Pleanala - Ref:318446</u>

<u>Description: Construction of Coumnagappul Wind Farm comprising of 10 Wind Turbines and related works in County Waterford</u>

Fee enclosed €50

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to object to the construction of Coumnagappul Wind Farm due to its location on peat land which has associated Turbary rights attached.

Part of the project area (Knockavannia) is an area described on the land registry as 'unregistered'. The letters of consent submitted by the landowners for these lands are therefore invalid. The "landowners" are in fact ONLY rights holders (turbary) and cannot give consent to any usage apart from that for which they hold rights (turbary only). Please see:

S. I. No. 40/1951 - Turbary Rights Order, 1951. (irishstatutebook.ie)

TURBARY RIGHTS ORDER, 1951.

The Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Supplies and Services (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1946 (No. 22 of 1946), and of every and any other power them in this behalf enabling, hereby order as follows:—

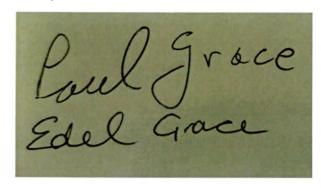
- 1. This Order may be cited as the Turbary Rights Order, 1951.
- 2. In this Order—

the word " bog-land " means land consisting wholly or mainly of land on or under the surface of which there is turf;

the expression " right of turbary," in relation to bogland, means a right to cut and carry away turf from the bog-land and includes the right of preparing and storing on the bog-land any turf cut therefrom;

the word " owner," in relation to bog-land, means a person having such an estate in that bogland as entitles him to grant rights of turbary over it.

It is important to note that the extent of the right is limited to the fuel requirements of the dwelling house.



The person with the right does not acquire any other right in the land from which the turf is being taken.

Please see Addendum C as per the developer submission, note that the letters of consent for the Knockavannia area do not contain folio numbers or any other reference to identify the land in question. Please also

note that one of the named parties has not signed the consent form.

Furthermore, Knockavannia, Milk Hill and Bleantasour mountains are protected by Waterford County Council as follows:

Mapped as Exclusion areas under the Renewable Energy Strategy for Waterford City & County 2016

If permission were to be given on this land it would be against established Irish law, and would set a dangerous precedent for the exploitation of all such areas

For these reasons, we ask that permission for this development be denied.

Yours sincerely

Paul & Edel Grace

Map of Knockavannia Mountain Area

