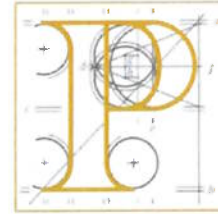


Our Case Number: ABP-318446-23



An
Bord
Pleanála

Shane Fogarty
Scarnadriny
Kilbrien 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.

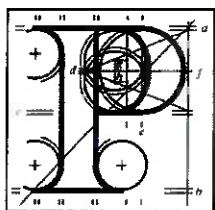
Yours faithfully,

Niamh Hickey
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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Shane Fogarty

(b) Address

Scartnadriny,
Kilbrien,
Via Clonmel
Co Waterford

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not applicable

(b) Agent's address

Not applicable

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you **or** to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

✓

The agent at the address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

PA93.318446

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

Click or tap here to enter text.

(d) Location of proposed development

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Coumnagappul Wind Farm

Co Waterford

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

I am writing this observation for PA93.318446 Coumnagappul wind farm Co Waterford.

Let me begin by saying I am not against wind turbines, solar, electric cars, renewables etc, they absolutely are the future of energy generation in Ireland – we are a two electric car household ourselves and have solar panels. What I am against impacting on wild, natural, mountain areas that should be protected for nature and for people to enjoy which will be severely impacted by this development namely the mountain ranges of the Comeragh & Mhullaigh mountains.

Considering the Irish government have now allowed and set in place major plans for offshore wind I would argue that plans for on shore wind should now be revisited to consider the impacts on local areas and nature vs offshore wind. Considering the impact on shore wind has – impacting people's houses (noise, flicker, views, valuations if people need to move house), impacting on wildlife, using limited land mass and disturbing natural wild areas. Offshore wind now can be so far offshore they can hardly be seen on the horizon, they wont impact on people's houses or standard of living and floating turbines will have limited impact on marine life – that coupled with the fact that offshore wind is much more persistent and stronger again lessens the case for on shore wind. Overall offshore is a much more efficient and less impactful option to the locality and nature.

Once the turbines are in place it cannot be undone – it feels like it will be a decision looked back on in future years and future generations of why did we impact on such a natural, beautiful wild area that are limited across the country and are a amenity to everyone. I also call you to review the Waterford County Development plan 2022 – 2028 which specifically calls out this area purposed in this planning application to be not suitable for wind development, the report which was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in the miscellaneous map section there is a map for wind energy, here it classifies the area as excluded for wind development, also in the land and seascape map it calls out the area as "very distinctive features with a very low capacity to adsorb new developments without significant alterations of existing character over an extended area". I would argue that this report by Waterford council be strongly considered in this case, why should planning permission for this development go ahead when the local council have deemed the area unfit. The purposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Waterford has created a large tourism market by maintaining and promoting its wild spaces and out door activities. Between its coastline, the Waterford Greenway

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and Specifically the Comeragh & Mhullaigh mountains. The mountain range comprises of some of the most fantastic areas in the country most notably Coumshingaun Lough one of the highest lakes in Ireland that will leave you breathless, Mahon falls, Crotty's Lake & nearly most importantly the Nire Valley which will be hugely impacted by this development. The area is so diverse in landscape, scenery, wildlife & history it should be protected. Waterford doesn't have a National Park like Kerry, it doesn't have the Burren like Co Clare but we have the Comeragh & Mhullaigh mountains which puts up an all mighty fight to them for the locals that enjoy the secluded spender and the many thousands of tourists that come to visit, take pictures, post online, write articles and most importantly enjoy the unspoilt nature in the area – to think of how this development could impact the undisturbed beauty isn't worth thinking about.

I am not sure how the planning process works in this case, I am not sure if representatives come to view the area or rely on the submission, photos and maps of the planning application for evidence, these photos make the area look like it is a small hill in a rural area, they don't go to highlight the turbines will be visible from anywhere on the mountain range and will tower above it. To give you an you an idea below is a good write up on the area – the diversity of it, the amenities it provides now and in the future and overwhelmingly the natural beauty of the area that will be severely impacted by this development.

<https://dlscouts.ie/features/the-comeraghs/>

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

This document has been awarded a Plain English mark by NALA.

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