

### **Project Splitting**

The proposed project is only the start as EMPower have already signed up landowners involved in this project and other landowners in the Coumnagappul Extension Project, Ornithology studies are ongoing at present and this would more than double the size of the project.

If you look at the plans you will notice the internal road of the project as it comes off the local road onto Knockavania it turns left and continues along the side of the mountain and all the way around into Coumnagappul valley. There is a simpler more direct route straight into the valley but they add 3km of destruction to get there instead. They mention this is to preserve habitat, how 3km extra preserves anything I don't know, but this is also the same habitat later on they say it is of poor quality and little value.

I would conjecture the real reason for this will be the connecting corridor for the Extension Plan route.

There are many more reasons why this project should not go ahead in a no go area and I would really appreciate if you could do your best for us to help protect our valuable environment from an industrial development that has no place being there.

Thank you for your time and patience and please feel free to contact me for further information and literature regarding the project.

**Community consultation** was absent at the beginning and throughout the project. News letters were not delivered within the limited 2km zone, Only 44 households and still a lot of them received no letter or received it late.

Information events held in Touraneena and not in the accepted, closer population centre of Ballymacarbry.

### **Traffic plan**

The planned traffic for the route is unacceptable on the small country roads. This has been downplayed by the applicant and practically ignored in places. There will be a 2400 % increase on one of the roads which is used by a lot of the residents within the 3km zone for travel to Dungarvan. They say that despite the increase, up to 190 trucks a day and an average of 16, there will be little impact on travel times. This is simply untrue and impossible. Anyone knows how slow things go in harvest time and that is only a fraction of the proposed traffic and for a short time. They did not do an Air Quality impact assessment as they said travel speeds will not drop by an average of 10km, this is simply untrue, as if that volume of traffic is on this small roads we will be lucky to even travel at 10km.

Kind Regards,

Alice Hickey,

Shanballyanne,

The Nire Valley,

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**Our Case Number:** ABP-318446-23

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



An  
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Caroline Quealy  
Barracree  
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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](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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24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Re: Submission of objection to An Bord Pleanála  
Application no: 318446

Development Description: 10 turbine Wind Farm  
(and all associated infrastructure)

Prescribed fee of €50 enclosed.

Dear Secretary,

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
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25 JAN 2024	
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I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed wind farm development in the Comeragh mountains, the installation of ten turbines, each 185 meters in height, and a substation. The proposed site is of great concern to me and my family as our home directly overlooks the proposed location, with the nearest turbine being approximately 2 kilometres away.

My primary concern revolves around the potential impact of the wind farm on my ~~family~~. ~~Several years ago my father suffered a severe hearting attack and was left with significant health issues.~~ ~~This has left him unable to work and my income is significantly reduced.~~ have a detrimental effect on his health and quality of life. The noise generated by the turbines, especially considering their proximity to our home, would likely exacerbate his condition and significantly impact his daily life.

Furthermore, I am deeply worried that the construction and operation of the wind farm may force my family to leave our ancestral home. This home holds immense sentimental value to us, as it has been passed down through generations and is an integral part of our family history. The proposed wind farm threatens to disrupt the tranquillity and serenity of this cherished place, potentially rendering it uninhabitable for us.

I would like to bring to your attention that the area in question is classified as an exclusion zone for wind farm development in the Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 - 2028. This classification was established for valid reasons, which I believe should be respected.

It is crucial that An Bord Pleanála adheres to these classifications and upholds the integrity of the exclusion zone.

In light of the concerns, I kindly request An Bord Pleanála to refuse permission for this proposed wind farm development in the Comeragh mountains. I urge you to take into account the ~~the potential displacement of my family~~ the potential displacement of my family from our ancestral home, and the violation of the exclusion zone classification.

Yours Sincerely,

Caroline Quenly