

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

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

Nicholas and Kitty Quealy  
Barracree  
Ballinamult  
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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21 / 01 / 2024

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

Development Description: Wind Farm consisting of 10 turbines  
(and all associated infrastructure)

AN BORD PLEANÁLA	
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€50 fee enclosed.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to lodge a strong objection to the above application for the following reasons.

We are writing to express our deep concern and objection to the proposed Coumnagappul Wind Farm located in the heart of the Comeragh Mountains. As a long-time resident of this area, I have witnessed the beauty and tranquility of this landscape and have raised my family in our ancestral home surrounded by nature at its finest.

One of the most distressing aspects of this proposal is the proximity of the wind farm to our homes. My daughter, her husband, and our precious 1-year-old granddaughter have recently built their new home just down the road from us. Our own home is situated on an elevated site that offers a direct view into the Coumnagappul wind farm site, which is a mere 2km away. If the proposed ten 185m turbines are erected, it would feel as though they are in our front garden, completely overshadowing our peaceful abode.

Our horses graze in the fields on both sides of our entrance, and our simple ambition is to create a garden filled with swings and slides for our grandchildren to enjoy the same peace and serenity that we have cherished throughout our lives. However, we cannot bear the thought of subjecting our grandchildren to the constant noise and shadow flicker that would accompany the operation of these turbines. Moreover, the recent incident in Scotland during storm Gerrit when the blades separated from the main tower then broke into pieces and scattered into different directions raise serious concerns about the safety of such structures. EMPower, the company behind this project, cannot guarantee that such incidents won't occur.

At this stage of our lives, we should not have to defend our basic rights, such as the right to be free from noise pollution. This is particularly concerning for me, as [REDACTED]

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singing, has always provided us solace, The construction and operation of this wind farm would pose a major threat to our wildlife. We have many protected species in this area especially birds. Turbine blades cause a major collision risk for all birds. This coupled with biodiversity loss would be detrimental for the habitats. Additionally, the digging and construction activities pose a threat to our water supply, which is a fundamental human right that cannot be compromised.

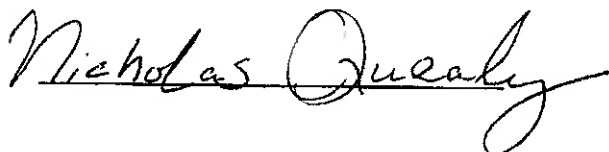
There are numerous uncertainties surrounding this development, and it is disheartening that it has even reached this stage. The Waterford City and County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 has deemed the proposed wind farm site as an exclusion zone for Wind Farm Development. It is imperative that our Development Plan is upheld otherwise it poses a threat to our democracy. The fact that Barracree is featured on An Bord Pleanála's website for the proposed Coumragappul Wind Farm is deeply concerning, as it indicates how close these monstrous structures would be to our homes. The peace and tranquillity that we have cherished for so long would be shattered.

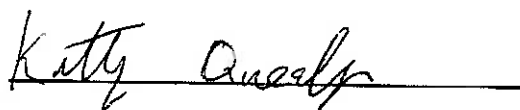
Furthermore, the local network of roads in our rural community are not equipped to handle the increased volume of traffic that would be generated by the construction of this wind farm. Two cars can just about pass each other on some parts of the roads but this is what makes our area unique and has no existing infrastructure to support such a project. It is clear that no consideration has been given to the impact on our local community.

To the decision-makers at An Bord Pleanála, I implore you to consider the future of our community and the generations to come. Our Comeragh Mountains are not just a local treasure but a national and international attraction. Allowing the industrialization of this pristine landscape would not only destroy its natural beauty but also undermine the democratic process and disregard the concerns of the rural community.

I urge you to reject the proposed wind farm and to protect the integrity of our cherished Comeragh Mountains. The future of our community and the preservation of this remarkable landscape now rest in your hands.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nicholas Quaal in black ink.

Handwritten signature of Kitty Quaal in black ink.