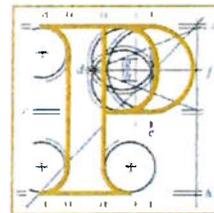


Our Case Number: ABP-318701-23



**An
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Pleanála**

An Taisce
5 Foster Place
Dublin 2
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Date: 26 February 2024

Re: 10 year planning permission for the proposed wind energy development consisting of 22 wind turbines and all associated infrastructure located in the townlands of Glenora, Altderg, Keerglen, Ballykinlettragh, Ballycastle, Ballyglass, Killeena, Glencullin and Lugnalettin, Co. Mayo. (www.glenorawfplanning.com)

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.

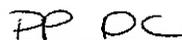
The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

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. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



Lauren Murphy
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A Chara,

I have attached An Taisce's submission on the Glenora Windfarm SID.
Please acknowledge that the document has been received in good order.

Kind regards,
Seán O'Callaghan
Planning Officer
An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland



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20th February 2024

App: Glenora Wind Farm

For: The Proposed Development will constitute of the following: (i) The construction of 22 no. wind turbines and all associated hard-standing areas with the following parameters: a. A total blade tip height of 180m, b. Hub height of 99m, and c. Rotor diameter of 162m. (ii) 1 no. permanent Meteorological Anemometry Masts with a height of 99 m and associated hardstanding area; (iii) Upgrade of existing tracks and roads, provision of new permanent site access roads and upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance including the provision of 1 no. security cabin with automatic traffic barriers; (iv) Temporary widening of sections of public road in the townland of Ballyglass; (v) The provision of a new temporary roadway in the townland of Ballyglass to facilitate the delivery of turbine components and other abnormal loads; (vi) 1 no. wind farm operation and maintenance control building in the townland of Glenora; (vii) 3 no. borrow pits; (viii) 13 no. permanent peat placement areas; (ix) 5 no. temporary construction compounds with temporary site offices and staff facilities; (x) Permanent recreation and amenity works, including marked trails, seating areas, amenity car park, and associated amenity signage; (xi) Site drainage; (xii) Site signage; (xiii) Ancillary forestry felling to facilitate construction and operation of the proposed development; (xiv) All works associated with the habitat enhancement and biodiversity management within the proposed wind farm site; (xv) All associated site development works and ancillary infrastructure

Site: Glenora, Altderg, Keerglen, Ballykinletteragh, Ballycastle, Ballyglass, Killeena, Glencullin, Lugnalettin, Co. Mayo.

A Chara,

Thank you for referring the above application to An Taisce for comment.

Water Quality Considerations

We note that the Owenmore river catchment runs through the site, particularly the Rivers Altderg and Fiddaundoo. The catchment has been designated as high water quality status under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). Therefore, it is essential that this SID application is fully assessed against **Article 4** of the

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WFD to determine whether the project may cause a deterioration of the status of a surface or ground water body or if it may jeopardise the attainment of good surface or ground water status or of good ecological potential and good surface or ground water chemical status. The proposed development should be assessed with close consideration of measures to mitigate sediment run-off and other discharges during the intensive construction phase. This will help to preserve the integrity of the Owenmore river catchment.

Unspecified Turbine Sites

We also note that 15 of the turbine sites are located in areas which are unspecified within the Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) 2011-2020, being located just outside the 'open for consideration' and 'preferred' zones. Given the ambiguity of this lack of designation, it is important that the Board conducts a careful analysis of its own to determine site suitability. We recommend it carefully assess the suitability of the proposed turbine sites, taking into account all of the relevant factors such as landscape sensitivity, slope, soil type, visual amenity and proximity to waterbodies. Furthermore, we submit that the justification provided by the applicant for placing these 15 wind turbine sites outside of the 'open for consideration' and 'preferred' zones needs more detail than that provided in the application documents.

Please acknowledge our submission and advise us of any decision made.

Is mise le meas,

Seán O'Callaghan

Planning Officer

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