

Our Case Number: ABP-318816-24



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Abina Guinan
Ballinaguilsha
Birr
Co. Offaly

Date: 04 March 2024

Re: 10 year planning permission for wind energy development consisting of 8 no. wind turbines and all associated works located at Cush, Galros West, Boolinarig Big, Eglish, and Ballindown, Co. Offaly. (www.cushwindfarmplanning.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. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Ellen Moss
Administrative Assistant
Direct Line: 01-8737285

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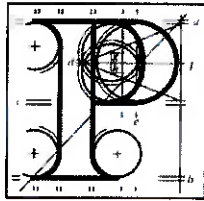
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's 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:

(a) Observer's name

Abina Guinan

(b) Observer's postal address

Ballinaguilsha, Birr, Co. Offaly

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

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 postal address

Not applicable

Postal address for letters

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

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

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- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

10 year planning permission for wind energy development consisting of 8 no. wind turbines and all associated works

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

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

Cush, Galros West, Boolinarig Big, Eglish and Ballindown, Co. Offaly

Observation details

5 Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

I, Abina Guinan wish to object to the planning application for the proposed wind farm beside my house at Ballinaguilsha, Birr, Co. Offaly, A42 A504.

My house is H73 on the Dwellings Map provided by Cush Windfarm (Annex 12.1)

There has been no communication or consultation from Cush Windfarm to me personally. I have not met any representative from Cush Windfarm regarding the proposed development. I have not been shown any information regarding the development, I have not been offered to visit a working windfarm and I was not given any leaflets or materials. I do not have access to the internet, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I was unable to attend any meetings in Birr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I will have a full unobstructed view of Cush windfarm from my kitchen window, back door, bedroom and back and side of my house. This greatly upsets me as I have lived here for over 40 years. Now I will have to look at large moving turbines and there is no way to escape it.

I requested a photomontage showing the view of Cush Windfarm from my house on April 27th 2023. This request was sent via email to the community liason officer.

I have still not received a photomontage or any correspondence from Cush Windfarm regarding my request.

5 Grounds

I have full view of the 4 turbines in Meenwaun windfarm and the 21 turbines in Derrinlough windfarm. I have been impacted enough by the windfarms and feel the area is overpopulated with turbines. These proposed turbines are 200m in height - much higher than the turbines of the other windfarms. The height of the turbines is excessive and they will overshadow the landscape.

There is information I would like to know. I would like to know the exact distance from my house to Cush Windfarm. I would like to speak to a member of the windfarm development regarding the project.

The near neighbour scheme proposed by Cush Windfarm is to include houses within 1km of a wind turbine for a [REDACTED] However my next-door neighbours have been told by Cush Windfarm that houses within 1km and 2km of the nearest turbine will be included in the near neighbour scheme. This change in terms will affect my house.

I feel this windfarm will devalue my house. I wish for my family to continue to live here. However, the view of the windfarm and the proximity to my house will make it hard for anyone to want to continue their lives here.

Thank you,
Abina Guinan

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.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Board to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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