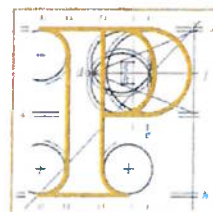


**Our Case Number: ABP-319448-24**



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

David Garry  
Rossmeade,  
Delvin,  
Co. Westmeath  
N91EP26

**Date:** 29 May 2024

**Re:** Proposed Development of an 8 no turbine wind farm development and associated works on land within the townlands of Clonmellon, Kilrush Upper, Kilrush Lower, Newtown, Ballinlig, Carnybrogan, Cavestown and Rosmead, County Westmeath and Galboystown, Co. Meath. ([www.knockanarraghwindfarmsid.ie](http://www.knockanarraghwindfarmsid.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. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
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To whom it may concern,

I, David Garry of Rossmeade, Delvin, N91EP26 wish to make a written submission in relation to the name planning applicant (**File Reference: ABP – 314271-22**).

**Planning Application File Number: 319448**

**In the name of:** Knockanarragh Wind Farm

**Location of project:** 1km southwest of Clonmellon, Co. Meath and 1.6km northeast of Delvin, Co. Westmeath.

I urge that this application to be refused for the following reasons:

1. In a very rural and scenic location, wind turbines will disrupt the scenic beauty of Delvin and more importantly Rossmead, Delvin, Co. Westmeath. I have concerns on the visual impacts this will have. Instead of looking out at a scenic view I will see two wind turbine's full view from my kitchen window instead of a natural landscape. It will be visually intrusive and disruptive to the natural beauty of the surroundings around my home from every window. The proposed height is 180m. There is protected structures in the area such as Rossmead House, Delvin castle and Smiling Bess Gates.
2. The possibility if this were to go ahead would cause concern for an extension to the possible wind farm plan that is in place. This would be a visual blight and take away from the natural beauty of the surroundings. Especially in underdeveloped area with no real construction or infrastructure development at present.
3. The area is full of wildlife and protected species such as bats, badgers, swans and many other wildlife cohabitants. There is potential for birds and bat collisions with the rotating turbine blades. The tall structures and spinning blades are a risk to flying animals especially located along migratory routes for birds during their seasonal journeys. Badgers are an endangered species and many which cohabit here in Rossmead, Delvin. These animals must be protected under the wildlife legislation. The construction of wind farms can disrupt their habitats and can lead to a loss of vital foraging and nesting areas. Also the noise and vibrations that is generated by wind turbines can disturb

badgers affecting their welfare, behaviour and well-being. The river than runs through the Rossmead area is regularly occupied with swans. There is a massive collision risk for these creatures with wind turbines especially during migration.

4. County Westmeath has natural attractions such as Killua Castle, Lough Lene, Fore Abbey. Wind turbines would have a detrimental effect on these many beautiful natural attractions in County Westmeath.
5. Rossmead, Delvin has a beautiful woodland and mature trees, if they were to be removed to allow works to commence it would have a highly negative effect on the environment. Trees play a very important role in providing a habitat for wildlife animals including birds. This can disrupt the ecosystems and a loss of biodiversity. It is important to protect both things in under for essential needs such as air, water, and food. And, as they are a beautiful scenic view.
6. Wind farms would have a negative impact on me being so close to my house. There is a potential for noise pollution and the sound caused by wind turbines is a serious worry for me. Having a young family wind farm noise pollution will have effects on my children and family life. The sounds from turbines can affect their sleep patterns, making it very difficult for them to get the rest they so very importantly need to develop. It will be disruptive for us as a family out in our back garden doing family activities and our quality of life will be disrupted. The potential of these wind turbines is already causing stress and low wellbeing. The community's wellbeing is vital and should be seriously considered when discussing wind turbines in Rossmead, Delvin.
7. Shadow flickers from turbines when the blades are rotating will be seen through my windows.
8. Potential for phone signals and internet signal to be affected in my house given the height of the proposed wind turbines.
9. My property will decrease in value as a result of wind turbines being in full view of my home. As a community the combined property loss will be millions of euro and no compensation.
10. There was no public meeting or information shared to the local residents on the planning of these wind turbines apart from the notices on the side of the road.
11. Road network and upgrading to roads that have been poorly maintained to date and distributions of new works will cause a massive impact on residents and businesses. The road is not suitable for the traffic flow now and would not be suitable for further road works and traffic flows.
12. Three towers with a red light in full view from my house not advertised or planned for. I was not notified about the masses that were being installed and are now in full view from my house where the potential wind turbines will be placed.

13. The amount of concrete needed for the building of these wind turbines will have massive repercussions. The environmental impact the concrete production will have by generating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The cement used in concrete is a major source of these emissions. This will affect the environment in the countryside of Rossmead and contribute to global warming. Given the proposed height of the wind turbines (180m) the foundations of concrete will also be massive foundation structures not even taking into account the substantial materials and space that would be required of a project on such a large scale.

In summary, I oppose this application being approved as it doesn't protect the residents' and businesses as well as their views that this mast or potential wind farm will have a hugely negative impact on their community and themselves.