

Clydagh Valley,
Clonkeen,
Killarney,
Co. Kerry.

14th May 2026

A Chara,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding additional information received in relation to the proposed Cummeennabuddoge wind farm.

We have read through relevant sections of the multiple documents that make up the additional information received and remain convinced that this proposed development is entirely unsuitable for the Clydagh valley.

This would be a significant commercial development that would dominate and demean the majestic scenery of our beautiful valley, the applicants assertion that the country needs more renewable energy is being used as a weapon to justify their disregard for the necessity to preserve the unspoiled features of this unique valley which is home to multiple protected species of animals birds and insects.

The Paps mountains the centrepiece of the Clydagh valley a landmark that can be seen from throughout Kerry & Cork and are a major attraction for nature enthusiasts, walkers and climbers who make the trek in great numbers every week to escape from urban life. The world-renowned lakes of Killarney, the jewel in the crown of Kerry tourism has the Clydagh river as one of its primary water sources. Allowing a development of this scale and the associated negative visual and environmental impact would be unthinkable.

We would ask that you place the benefits of preserving this beautiful valley home to the Kerry Slug, Hen Harrier, the white-tailed eagle, the grouse, woodcock and the pristine clear waters of the Clydagh river home to spawning salmon and trout above the commercial interests of the planning applicant and refuse permission to build the proposed development.

The Clydagh valley was zoned not suitable for wind farm development and there were was very good reason for this.

Yours Sincerely,

John & Mary Buckley

Gerard & Michelle Buckley

Letter Dated October 2024

We wish to make an observation in respect of the proposed windfarm development at Cummeennabuddoge, Clydagh Valley, Killarney, Co. Kerry – An Bord Pleana application number PA08.321029.

The Clydagh Valley is located 10 miles from the town of Killarney one of Ireland's primary tourist destinations. The valley itself is approximately 7 miles long and lies between the Derrynasagart mountains and Ballyvourney to the south and the Paps mountains and Rathmore / Millstreet to the north. The townlands of Cummeennabuddoge, Clydaghroe, Glashacormick and Cummeenavrick listed on the proposed application collectively form the southern side of the Clydagh Valley which was formed by the fast-flowing Clydagh river which is the source of the river Flesk and the primary water source to the lakes of Killarney. The valley has some of the most unspoiled natural landscapes in Co. Kerry and as residents we have serious concerns about the negative impacts that this proposed development would have on the Clydagh Valley.

The proposal to build 17 turbines that are 200meters in height within the Clydagh Valley would cause a detrimental negative visual impact. The Clydagh Valley attracts many national and international visitors and holidaymakers from the tourist town of Killarney and greater Cork City area who come here to see the unspoiled natural beauty, from the majestic Paps mountains to the clear waters of river Clydagh or just to walk along the Clydagh valley road and to enjoy nature. Constructing wind turbines that are nearly 700 feet high in this sensitive location would be unthinkable, can you imagine coming here for recreation to see the rugged landscape, the wildlife and to hear the sounds of nature only to be faced with a development that consists of 17 of these 700-foot towering monstrosities that completely dominate the surroundings for miles around

The location of the proposed development is home to many species of flora and fauna who are found in the Clydagh Valley living peacefully in their natural habitat. Examples of these are the white-tailed eagles who were reintroduced to Killarney in recent years, the Hen Harrier a protected bird of prey that is native to the area. There are also numerous species of bat who live in the area, the department of agriculture have recently introduced measures to encourage local farmers to provide areas of sanctuary for bats and owls on their lands. Does it make any sense to provide a sanctuary on farmland when a few hundred meters away allowing the construction of 200m meter high turbines with rotating blades that would decimate any effort to safeguard these protected creatures. The proposed location is also home to the native Kerry slug a protected species under the convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats.

The proposed development would have a negative impact on the water quality of the Clydagh river which is the source of the river Flesk the primary source of water for the lakes of Killarney. The townlands named in the proposed development consist of blanket virgin bog which in places are several meters deep, the removal of peat to facilitate roadways, substations, and foundations for these enormous turbines would impact on water levels and drainage in the area and lead to large quantities of dirt and silt entering the river which is a natural spawning ground for salmon and trout. Constructing this scale of development would also lead to increased risk of landslides or bog slippages given the mountainous location and susceptibility of flash flooding and cloudbursts as occurred in the famous drowning of Clydagh when a cloud burst in the eastern end of the valley caused the river to burst its banks and swept away and drowned several people who were working in their fields at the time.

Kerry county council have deemed this location unsuitable for windfarm development in the current county development plan given the location is of unique scenic value, the requirement to maintain the existing habitat of so many protected species that live in this part of the county and the requirement to protect the water quality and salmon and trout spawning grounds of the river Clydagh which is part of the lakes of Killarney catchment area. The applicants repeatedly used the word “flawed” with regard to the county development plan that recognises the need to protect this area from future windfarm developments which in our opinion shows contempt on their part for the local authority and the Clydagh Valley, The proposed development completely contradicts what local people and Kerry county council are trying to achieve in preserving this beautiful location with its unspoiled natural landscape so that it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

We would ask that you consider our request to protect the Clydagh Valley and its inhabitants and to refuse permission to build the proposed development

Yours Sincerely,

John & Mary Buckley

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