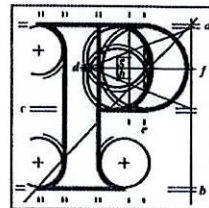


Our Case Number: ABP-316051-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Anthony and Ciara Martin
Ardborna
Drumarney
Athlone
Co. Westmeath
N37H2T4

Date: 05 May 2023

Re: Renewable energy development comprising 9 no. wind turbines and associated infrastructure.
Umma More and adjacent townlands, County Westmeath.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your observation or submission in relation to the case mentioned above 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.

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.

For further information on this case please access our website at www.pleanala.ie and input the 6-digit case number into the search box. This number is shown on the top of this letter (for example: 303000).

Yours faithfully,

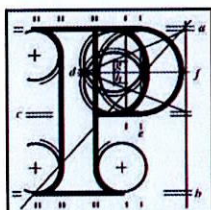
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Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

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

Anthony & Ciara Martin

(b) Observer's postal address

Ardborna Drumarney Athlone Co Westmeath
N37H2T4

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

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)

316051

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

Ummamore Renewable Energy Development

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

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

Drumraney, Moyvoughley and Ballymore

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).

Anthony & Ciara Martin
Ardborna,
Drumraney,
Athlone,
Co Westmeath,
N37H2TH

To whom it may concern,

We want to put in an observation to the Ummamore Wind Farm Development, case reference number 316051.

We have recently built in the area and have moved into our new dwelling this year. We have had no engagement or correspondence from the Ummamore Windfarm group about the proposed development. There has been a lack of engagement and communication from the company about their proposal for the Ummamore Wind Farm Development. This is going to be our family home; we are hoping to start a family and we have major concerns about the health impacts that the proposed development will have on our wellbeing living in the area. On shadow flicker map 28, our house number on the map is 19, our house will be affected by turbines 1, 2, 3 and 4. This will have an impact on our dwelling every day for 42 minutes with a shadow flicker. After researching the effects of the shadow flicker this will cause major effects to our mental and physical wellbeing.

We originally got refused planning permission for a storey and half house on our current site. As stated by the Westmeath County Council under the case reference number 21/126, the proposed dwelling that we hoped to build was considered “out of character in its rural context and would injure visual amenity and landscape character of the area.” We believe the proposal of such a large-scale Windfarm

5. Grounds

development within an open land holding would result in an excessively prominent and obtrusive features on the landscape and would negatively impact upon the visual amenity of the area. The proposed Ummamore Wind Farm development would appear unnatural and unrelated to the surrounding landscape due to the sheer size of the wind turbines proposed. This will result in having a negative impact on landscape which will have huge repercussions on the wildlife, flora and fauna within the amenity. We would also like to state our concerns about the impact of the noise of the wind turbines will have on the wildlife that are currently living within the proposed development.

We would also like to point out that the Ummamore Wind Farm development goes against the policy CPO16.13 of the Westmeath County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the Westmeath rural design guidelines. We hope you take on board our concerns and observations on board in relation to the Ummamore Wind Farm Development.

Kind Regards

Anthony & Ciara Martin

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21-126 Schedule of
Conditions.pdf

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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