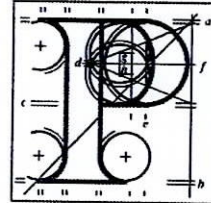


Our Case Number: ABP-316051-23

Planning Authority Reference Number:



**An
Bord
Pleanála**

Claire and Martn Convey
Baskin Low
Drumraney
Athlone
Co. Westmeath
N37R256

Date: 09 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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Re: Ummamore renewable Energy Development
Case Ref Number: 316051

I would like to make an observation on the proposed Ummamore Wind Farm, case reference number 316051.

I live within the 2km radius to this proposed development and I would like to object to this development going ahead.

I have serious concerns over the construction of this development as I live within the 2km radius.

There will be serious disruption to my local road during this proposed construction phase with huge Volumes of Concrete and steel to be imported onto the site for construction. This is a quite rural area and roads not fit for such a huge scale of construction.

Many local homes will be exposed to shadow flicker. My house number is 97 on the final map submitted by developer but this does not match on previous shadow flicker maps which had my house at number 90.

Infrasound

Noise: This is a quite rural area and there will be noise pollution by these industrial turbines.

Turbine Height: Turbines 185m high will dominate the local landscape and skyline.

Impact on wildlife if this development goes ahead. Other studies have shown where there are windfarms there are no birds.

The current Irish planning guidelines for wind farms rely on a UK noise assessment model that dates from 1996. This is not fit for purpose in the light of the vast increase in turbine size since then.

SEAI Wind atlas reports low average wind speed for this proposed site. In 2021 and 2022 a wind monitoring mast erected by the developer collapsed on two occasions.