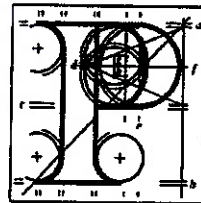


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Conor Spollen and Bronagh Coughlan
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N91ENR1

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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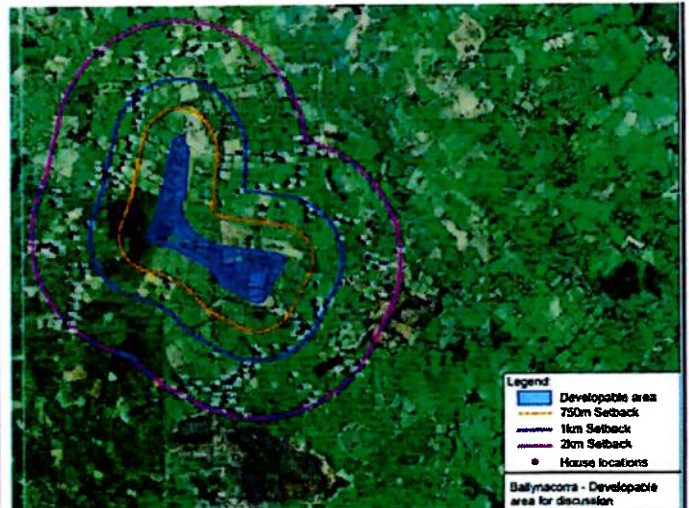
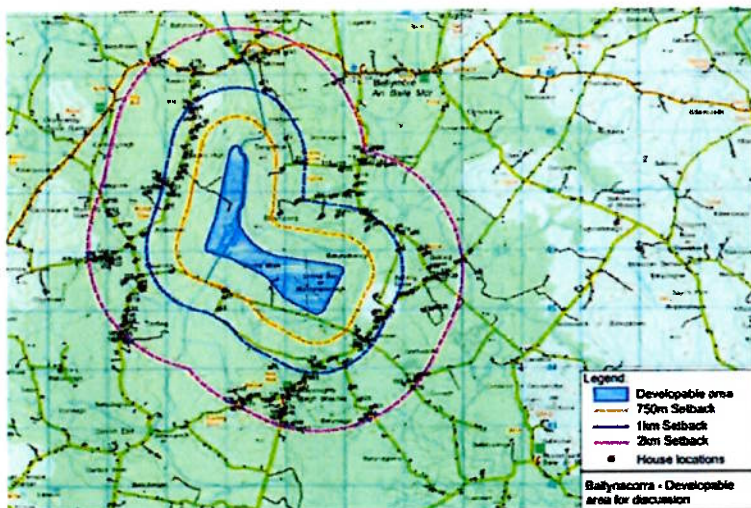
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RE: Observation on Ummamore Wind Farm Development (Case Ref: 316051)

To Whom it May Concern,

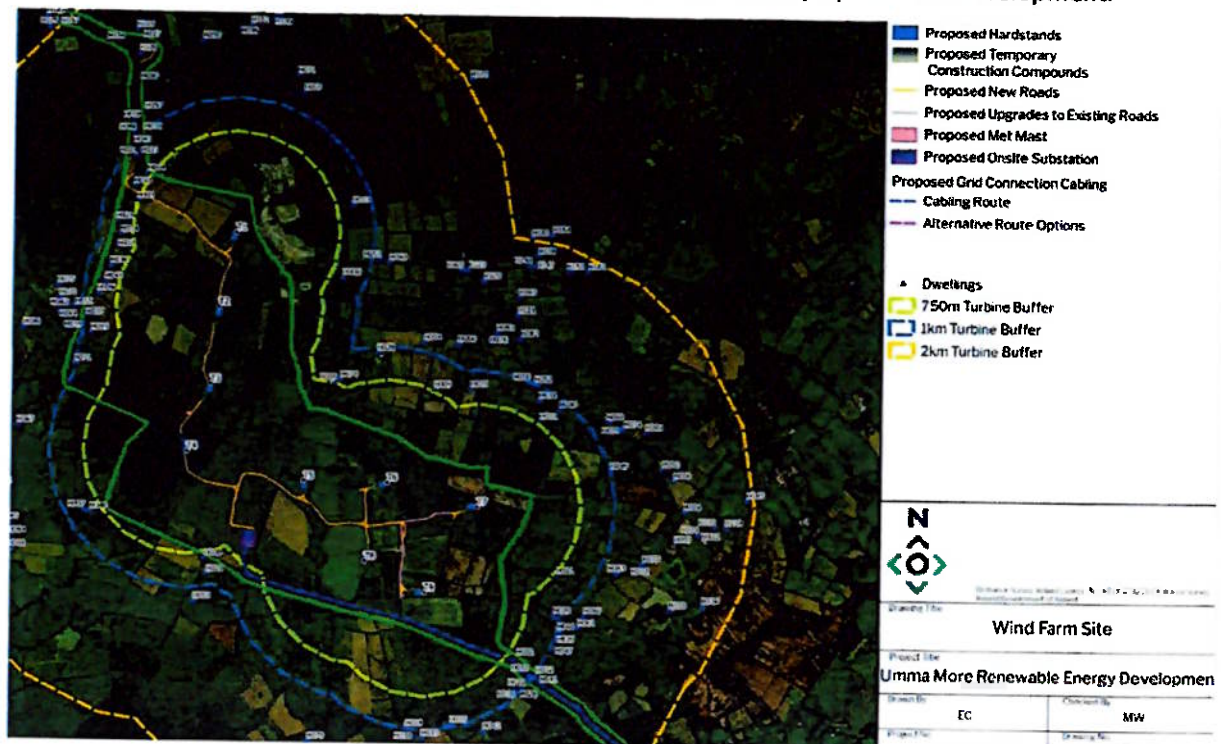
I am writing to submit an observation on the above listed Strategic infrastructure development as my partner & I believe it will have a negative impact on our home & living situation. I have outlined below various reasons as to why this development will have a drastic impact on our lives. I ask that An Bord Pleanála please take our concerns into consideration in relation to this development.

- Our home was not listed on any of the initial maps published by Enerco Energy, once I pointed it out to one of their representatives in June of 2022 it has started to appear on some maps but not all. There are still maps listed on their website that do not include our home please see in the attached our home should be listed beside number 5 but it is not. We feel that this is unfair representation as our home is here & should be listed on all maps anything else paints an unjust representation of the area.



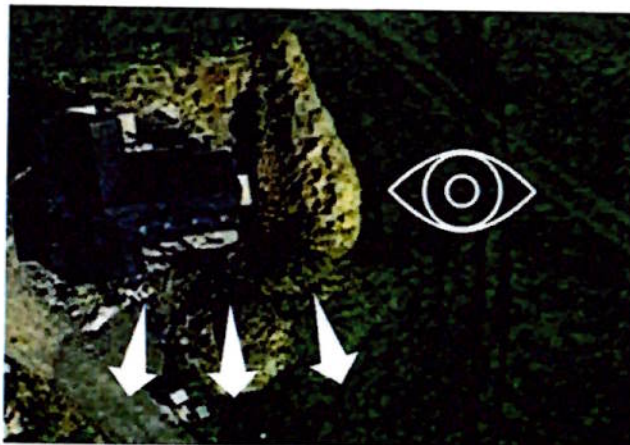
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- The location of the development is extremely close to our home with 6 turbines to the south of us & 3 turbines to the west of us we are literally surrounded. Given our unique proximity to all of the turbines we feel that our location is impacted heavily by this new development.



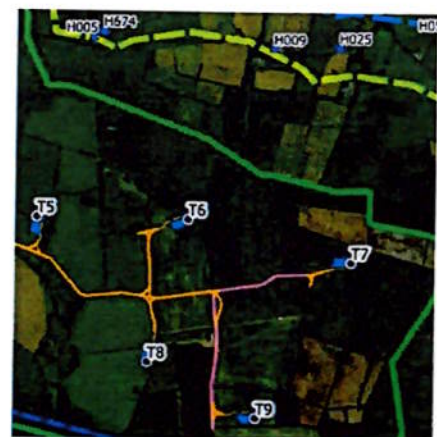
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- We are also greatly concerned on the impact this development will have on the main living area of our home as 5 of the proposed turbines are positioned on low land fields & will be in a direct line of sight from the kitchen/dining room area. These towering 185m high structures will also dominate the local landscape & skyline. Our once pleasant view of green fields & open farmland will be no more.



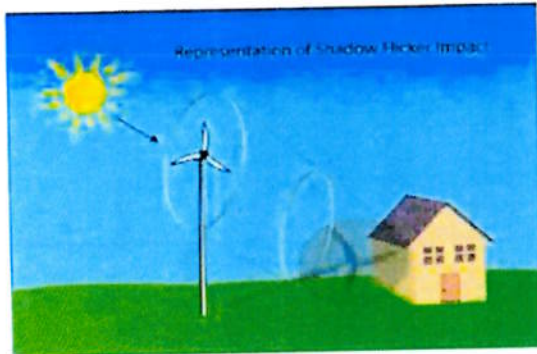
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- As previously mentioned, 5 of the 9 turbines will be in the direct line of sight from our main living area which features a large amount of window glazing. We are concerned about the negative impacts this will have associated with shadow flicker created by sunlight hitting the turbines. [REDACTED] this will make my living situation more difficult. [REDACTED] in the future. Given that as a risk this significantly reduces the suitability of our current home being a long-term family home. Also, Bronagh works nightshifts as a nurse, shadow flicker will make daytime sleeping much more difficult in our home.



Shadow flicker impact on a dwelling



View facing where 5 turbines will be positioned

- As our home falls within the 750m buffer zone we are concerned about the noise pollution all 9 turbines will create. As the turbines run based off wind there is no predictability as to when there will be high level of noise generated. We are both light sleepers [REDACTED] The noise from the turbines will not help this situation thus making our living situation much more difficult. [REDACTED] we are concerned that the turbines will make this worse. There are various reports, studies & official documents supporting the claims that wind turbines pose threats to human health when living near them.
- We are also concerned that this development may impact our ability to build a suitable family home here as the turbines will most likely prevent us from obtaining planning permission to construct any further residential buildings here. Not to mention how this development will significantly reduce our lands suitability for building a long-term family.

These are the personal reasons I wish to include in our observation, I ask that they please be taken into consideration during the decision-making process on this matter. I thank you for your time & consideration. Should you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind Regards, Conor Spollen & Bronagh Coughlan