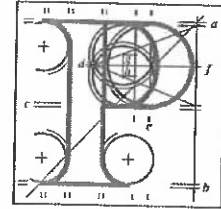


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**An  
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Pleanála**

Gráinne O'Rourke  
Ballacurra  
Ballymore  
Mullingar  
Co. Westmeath  
N91KC86

**Date:** 27 April 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](http://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,

  
Kevin McGettigan  
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Dear sir madam,

I, Gráinne O' Rourke, of address Ballacurra, Ballymore, Mullingar, Westmeath, N91KC86 am writing this observation in relation to the proposed Ummamore Wind Farm (Case reference number: 316051). This is house no.28 on the map. My parents own the house and land, which I hope to farm in the future. However, these plans could be turned on their head if this development proceeds.

The idea of this development going ahead in the area is ludicrous for many reasons. It is a beautiful rural area with outstanding beauty, wild life and nature in abundance. We have the last remaining wetland habits in the area. This is home to healthy population of snipe and lapwing, or to mention many otters. The company Enerco which are involved in this development have a history of reeking havoc on ecological systems with little regard for the local wildlife or the families that live in these areas.

Another major concern for me is the impact this development could have on the levels of tuberculosis in cattle herds in the surrounding area. I am a veterinary surgeon and know that the disruption the development will cause to badger sets will cause the badgers in these areas dispersing onto land with herds that have not been exposed to them before. These badgers are often infected with TB and to a herd of cattle that have naive immunity, this could cause a massive outbreak. Not only will this affect farmers economically, it is also a major worry to public health as this is a zoonotic disease.

According to SEAI Wind Atlas there is a low average wind speed in the locality. Without any research it seems mindless to me to make a wind farm development in the flattest county in Ireland. I find it disgusting that they would spoil the region and turn the locals lives upside down to develop an area that they have described themselves as having 'low capacity'.

Just as a final note, the proposed development is in clear breach of regulations. Wind farms should not be placed within 324 metres of Non-Participating landowners. T6 is 310m from the boundary of our land, therefore they are using wind from non-consenting parties.

In conclusion, it is clear that this development has no place in our community. Although I agree that switching to renewable energy sources is vital, a development of this scale in this location really makes no sense. If this does come to fruition it will change this community and its beauty forever.

Yours sincerely,

Gráinne O' Rourke