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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 32254 - 25

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 22/4/25
 from Thomas Comerford I recommend that section 131 of the Planning
 and Development Act, 2000 be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):
No new planning issues

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

Section 131 to be invoked — allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

Signed

Daniel O'Connor

EO

Date

25/4/25

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Date

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Please prepare BP — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

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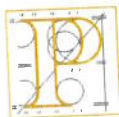
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Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004526

P. O'Connor

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Tom Hogan

Lodgement Date
22/04/2025 22:23:16

Case Number / Description
322154

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Tom Hogan

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form

☐ N/A — Invalid

Signed

Daniel O'Connor

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Date

25/4/25

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Fee Refund Requisition

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Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

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Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

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Finance Section

Payment Reference

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EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

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Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board
Member

Date

Date

Details

Submitter details

Name	THOMAS COMERFORD
Address	KNOCKEEIVGLASS KILMATHVAGH KILTELVYX
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In relation to application

An Bord Pleanála Case Reference	PL10.322154
Kilkenny County Council Planning File Number	2560003
Applicant	Briskalagh Ltd.
Address	In the townlands of Acragar, Ballyconra, Ballycuddihy, Ballyroe, Ballyroe (Grace), Ballyroe (Maher), Baunaniska, Boherkyle, Briskalagh, Brittas, Clone, Coolnapisha, Curraghduff, Freshford, Freshford Lots, Graigueswood, Grange, Huntstown, Kilmanagh, Knockeenglass, Knockown, Moatpark, Monabrika, Monavadaroe, Moneenaun, Oldtown, Oldtownhill, Parksgrove, Picketstown, Rathealy, Sart, Sweethill, Tobernapeastia, Tullaroan, Upperwood Demesne, Co. Kilkenny.

Subject: An Bord Pleanála Case Reference: PL10.322154

Kilkenny County Council Planning Application Reference: 2560003

To: An Bord Pleanála

This submission is made in response to the First Party Grounds Of Appeal (GOA) lodged by Briskalagh Ltd. following Kilkenny County Council's (KCC's) decision to refuse permission for the proposed wind farm development at Briskalagh. This submission supports the refusal and reiterates serious and well-founded concerns regarding residential amenity, fourteen chapters of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) not meeting statutory EIA requirements and the planning authority's statement that there is a *'lack of supporting information for certain ecological receptors (such as birds) in both the Stage 1 Screening and Stage 2 Natura impact Statement'* and that the planning authority was *'not satisfied that there is no risk of adverse effects on the integrity of the associated European Sites.'*

The applicant's Grounds of Appeal (GOA) document fails to demonstrate that the proposed development is either responsible or compliant with established standards and regulations.

Equally concerning is the lack of a meaningful assessment of the project's cumulative impacts, as stated by Kilkenny County Council *"insufficient detail has been provided on the matter of cumulative effects, especially in regard to the likely effect on the residential amenity of the immediately adjacent residential areas"*.

Well-found concerns regarding human health and well-being have also not been allayed by the contents of the applicants appeal document.

12. Community Engagement: The statements within the GOA of "active engagement" with the community and "understanding of the key issues" are contradicted the 199 personal submissions and 547 signatures attached to the KBT Responsible Energy- Community Submission to KCC, which appears to have been completely disregarded by the applicant. In addition, the applicant fails to mention the July 2023 letter signed by 800+ locals, nor do they address the multiples of emails to the developer voicing concerns.

13. Haul & Grid Routes: Concerns relating to the excessive distance and multiple grid routes have not been adequately addressed. Additionally, the haul route through Kilmanagh village and knock-on impacts locally in terms of safety and inconvenience have also not been sufficiently addressed.

14. Omission of the true impact on Kilmanagh village as the primary impacted settlement.

Conclusion:

This community is not against renewable wind energy as evidenced by the existing and permitted wind farms in our community. However, there continues to be serious concerns regarding this proposed development.

As stated by Kilkenny County Council under the schedule of effects, "Having regard to the size and scale of the proposed development, the Planning Authority considers that the proposed seven (7) number turbines with 185metre tip height will, due to the cumulative effects of visual intrusion, combined with noise, flicker and disturbance of access, on a significant number of nearby dwellings in and around the settlements of Tullaroan, Kilmanagh, and Ballycallan, give rise to excessive levels of adverse effects on residential amenity in the area. These effects are integral and incapable of being mitigated because they arise from the extent and scale of the proposed works and their proximity and position relative to dwellings."

The Briskalagh Wind Farm appeal fails across critical technical, legal, environmental, and procedural domains. The potential impact of this proposed development poses a serious threat to human health for those of us who would live within such close proximity.

I respectfully urge An Bord Pleanála to uphold Kilkenny County Council's refusal and safeguard the planning integrity, legal standards, and community wellbeing of the residents of Kilmanagh, Ballycallan and Tullaroan and I thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

In addition, I support the KBT Responsible Energy Submission to An Bord Pleanála on this appeal.

Please find enclosed fee of €50.

Yours sincerely,

Therese Comerford

Date: 19-6-25