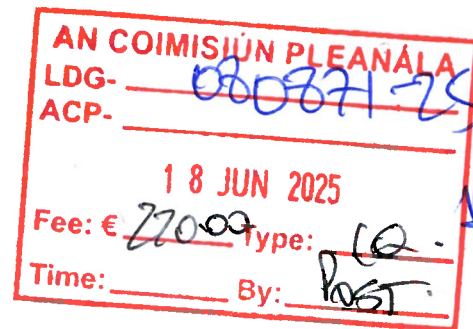


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16 June 2025

To:
The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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Subject: Appeal Against Planning Decision by Cork County Council

Applicant: Tullacondra Green Energy Ltd.

Planning Number: 24/5503

Location: Polnareagha, Ardskeagh, Tullacondra, Crougtha Kilmaclenine, Ballyclough, Knockaunavaddreen, Copestown, Ballybeg, Baltydaniel East, Twopothouse, Caurraghakerry, Co. Cork

Description: Construction of nine industrial wind turbines

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally appeal Cork County Council's (CCC) decision to grant conditional permission to Tullacondra Green Energy Ltd. for the construction of nine industrial wind turbines in our community. From the outset, I want to make it clear that all of the following is my personal opinion, based on my experience and concern for the wellbeing of my family, my neighbours, and our rural community.

Despite countless objections and reasoned arguments submitted to Cork County Council, our voices have been ignored. The whole process feels like a David and Goliath struggle. Ordinary rural families are forced into a battle for our homes, livelihoods, health, and peace all while facing highly experienced and well-funded developers backed by government and EU policy, in what has become a very lucrative industry for the few.

Many of us have lived in this quiet and beautiful part of North Cork for generations. Yet it seems we are expendable to the strangers, the developer Tullacondra Green Energy Ltd. And they are complete and utter strangers. I have never meet, seen or heard from a single soul from this company. The lack of communication from these developers is disrespectful. Decisions are being made not with community interest in mind, but to serve large-scale commercial goals, often with misleading public benefit narratives such as the promise of lower electricity costs. Yet Cork County Council have chosen to ignore our concerns.

Suitable Locations vs. Poor Planning

As I write this appeal, I can see 16 turbines on the Ballyhoura Mountains behind my home. These have been in place since 2016 and have caused minimal disruption because they were placed appropriately—on a mountain, away from people's homes. While driving through northern Spain last year, I noticed the large number of wind turbines located on top of the mountains there. While these were visually intrusive, these turbines were consistently located on the top of mountains, away from people's homes. Why is this basic principle not being respected in Ireland?

Outdated Wind Farm Development Guidelines from 2006

An Bord Pleanála is well aware that the current 2006 Wind Energy Development Guidelines are outdated and inadequate. Turbine technology and scale have advanced significantly, yet the regulations remain nearly two decades behind. This disconnect places families like mine directly in harm's way—mentally, physiologically, and financially.

Yet Cork County Council made no reference in its decision to a property that is currently being renovated located within 500 meters from one of the proposed turbines.

A recent High Court decision where wind farm operators in Wexford were ordered to shut down 3 of its 6 turbines, highlights the dangerous and disruptive nature of these developments when placed too close to homes. It also highlights the distress and financial burden it places on the people being forced to live too close to them. Why are lessons not being learned from these cases?

Noise, Disturbance and a Prevailing South-westerly Wind

The constant noise generated by a turbine is likened to the noise of a low-flying plane that never lands. Now imagine the noise of 9 low flying air planes that never land, delivering never ending noise with no escape. With prevailing south-westerly winds in our area, this noise will be amplified—causing stress, sleep disturbance, and anxiety. It is simply unbearable to imagine this occurring 24/7, especially in a peaceful rural setting like ours.

Cork County Council made no reference to a 50-page noise report from a new neighbour in our area, a reputable engineer. His report is based not only on fact and scientific data but also his own real experience. He was recently forced to move from his home in another part of North Cork due to his young family becoming unwell as a result of a wind farm close to his former home. Yet Cork County Council have chosen to ignore this!

Shadow Flicker

The developers admit that shadow flicker will be an issue for many of the sensitive receptor homes. We have seen its effects—it's like a relentless strobe light encroaching into your kitchen, your bedroom, your living room. It disrupts your life, even your sanity. Closing blinds and curtains cannot block this insipid flicker from the sanctuary of your home. The solution proposed. Turning off turbines. **If the turbines have to be turned off regularly to avoid harming people, then they are clearly in the wrong place.** Cork County Council has chosen to ignore the shadow flicker impacts on my community.

Lack of Community Consultation

There was minimal to no meaningful consultation with the community. The community first became aware of this development by an announcement made at mass in July 2024. Developers claim to have delivered information packs door-to-door, but no one I know received one. The public meeting they reference supposedly had 70 attendees. Who were these attendees? How many of these supposedly 70 attendees were sensitive receptors?

Furthermore, planning notices went up the same day local roads were to be closed for 6 weeks for major upgrade works—hardly a coincidence. The developer's actions show a lack of respect and transparency, treating our community with contempt rather than partnership. There was no mention of this in Cork County Councils reply.

Inconsistencies in Council Decisions

Only weeks ago, Cork County Council refused planning permission for a wind farm in West Cork due to high number of objections received. There were 80 objections received in relation to this particular case. Yet Cork County Council received over 240 objections from our community yet this fact has seemingly been dismissed by Cork County Council.

Lack of Trust and Transparency

We no longer trust the planning system to protect our rights. This approval seems rushed, inconsistent, and grossly out of touch with the lived realities of those affected. Local families are being denied planning permission for modest homes, yet corporations are handed free rein to industrialise our countryside.

Visual Intrusion and Rural Decay

These 175-metre-high turbines will dominate every view. What once was a tranquil rural scene will now be a constant reminder of lost peace, lost trust, and lost heritage. Who will want to live or raise children in such a place?

Who truly benefits?

Despite the promotion of renewable energy, the reality is that most of the electricity produced is routed to data centres—benefiting the likes of Amazon and Google—while ordinary Irish families face ever-rising electricity bills and mounting carbon taxes. We are constantly told our electricity bills will go down, yet the reality is the opposite. Following the money—it's clear to see who benefits.

In conclusion

We, like everyone else in our community are not opposed to renewable energy. We believe in a sustainable future. But wind farms must be properly regulated and sited with respect for the people who will be forced to live in their shadow.

Onshore wind farms are causing untold damage in communities like ours. The focus should be on offshore wind projects. Sure, there will be environmental and ecological damage done there too but at least there are no people living out at sea. And of course, offshore provides a much more reliable and consistent source of wind. But it seems that common sense is in short supply when it comes to Ireland's renewable energy policies.

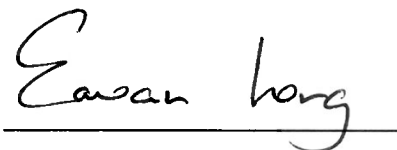
How is this progress if any of the following is what actually happens?

- Destroying the mental and physical wellbeing of local residents.
 - Forcing ordinary people into stressful and expensive legal battles.
 - Taking prime agricultural land out of food production, in a time of global food insecurity.
 - Threatening protected species including birds, bats, freshwater mussels.
 - Compromising geological stability in an area known for karst and underground waterways.
- Damaging local biodiversity and ecosystems irreparably.

Put yourself in our shoes. How would you feel if you were ever to become a sensitive receptor in one of these projects?

I respectfully urge An Bord Pleanála to reject this development. Please listen to our very real concerns, listen to the people in our communities of Lisgriffin and Ballyclough. Protect our homes. Protect our health. Protect our future.

Yours sincerely,



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Comhairle Chontae Chorcaí Cork County Council



Head Office: County Hall, Cork

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03/09/2024

APPLICANT: Tullacondra Green
Energy Limited

DEVELOPMENT: The Applicant is seeking permission for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a wind energy development including:

- 9 wind turbines each with a blade tip height of 175 metres, rotor diameter of 150 metres, hub height of 100 metres and a rated output of 4.5 megawatts.
- Turbine Foundations, crane pad hardstanding areas and associated drainage.
- Upgrade of existing site tracks and construction of new site tracks and associated drainage.
- Access from the local road L5302 at Crought, Ballyclogh including a new site entrance for the construction phase and upgrading of an existing entrance for the operational phase.
- An on-site 38 kilovolt electrical substation to Electricity Supply Board Networks specification to include control building with electrical infrastructure, welfare facilities supplied by rainwater harvesting and storage tank, a wastewater holding tank with high level alarm, car parking, security fencing and lighting, and all associated infrastructure, services, and site works including a temporary construction compound.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed electrical substation.
- A temporary site construction compound and associated ancillary infrastructure including welfare services, office accommodation, parking, fencing, lighting etc.
- Areas for temporary storage of excavated materials.
- A permanent meteorological mast of 100 metres height above ground level on a concrete base.
- Installation of approximately 13.5 kilometres of 38 kilovolts underground electrical cabling, mainly within the public road, between the proposed wind farm substation to the boundary of Mallow 110 kilovolt substation at Saint Joseph's Road Mallow.
- All associated site works including site clearance and ancillary development including site drainage/Sustainable Drainage System, security gates, fencing, permanent and temporary signage, and biodiversity mitigation and enhancements, including hedgerow planting.

The Applicant is seeking a 10-year duration planning permission and 35-year operational period from the date of overall commissioning of the entire wind farm. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application. The wind farm development is



proposed on a site in the townlands of Polnareagha and Ardskeagh (Templemary E.D.); and Tullacondra and Crougta, (Kilmaclenine E.D.), County Cork. The proposed grid connection will be installed underground mainly within the public road from the wind farm site at Crougta, Ballyclogh to the boundary of the 110 Kilovolts substation at Saint Joseph's Road, Mallow passing through the townlands of Kilmaclenine, Crougta, Knockaunavaddreen, Copestown, (Kilmaclenine E.D.), Ballybeg (Buttevant E.D.), Baltydaniel East, Twopothouse, and Caurraghakerry (Caherduggan E.D.); and Cloghlucas North, Curraghphadeen, Ballyvinitier Upper, Ballyvinitier Middle, Ballyvinitier Lower, Parkadallane, Carrigoon More and Carrigoon Beg Mallow Rural E.D.).

AT: Polnareagha, Ardskeagh, Tullacondra, Crougta Kilmaclenine, Ballyclogh, Knockaunavaddreen, Copestown, Ballybeg, Baltydaniel East Twopothouse, Caurraghakerry, Co. Cork

FOR: Permission

PLANNING REGISTRATION NO: 24/5503

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your online submission/observation on 03/09/2024 concerning this application. I wish to confirm that your submission/observation has been received within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of registration of the application and is therefore considered a valid submission/observation.

Copies of site map/plans and particulars submitted in connection with the application will be available for inspection at this department during office hours (9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday) until the application, or any appeal thereon, is finally determined. The applicant shall be given your name and content of the submission/observation should it be requested.

Your submission will form part of the documentation available for inspection by the public. You will be notified when a decision is made on the application.

This document should be retained. If you wish to appeal such decision a copy of this acknowledgement together with the attached official document must accompany your appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
County Hall, Carrigrohane Road,
Cork.



Form no. 3

Articles 28 and 35

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF SUBMISSION OR OBSERVATION ON
A PLANNING APPLICATION**

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

**KEEP THIS DOCUMENT SAFELY. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE
THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA IF YOU WISH TO
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FORM OF EVIDENCE WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA
THAT A SUBMISSION OR OBSERVATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE
PLANNING AUTHORITY ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION.**

PLANNING AUTHORITY NAME Cork County Council

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NO. 24/5503

A submission/observation, in writing, has been received via our online system, from:

Eavan Long
Boherascrub
Buttevant
Co. Cork
P51 WF68

ON 03/09/2024 in relation to the above planning application.

The appropriate fee of €20.00 has been paid.

**The submission/observation is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the
Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended, and will be taken into
account by the Planning Authority in its determination of the planning application.**

County Hall, Carrigrohane Road,
Cork.

**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ONLINE SUBMISSIONS SYSTEM**

Date: 03/09/2024

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22/05/2025

BY REGISTERED POST

A Chara,

Planning Register No. 24/05503

The Council has, by Order dated 22/05/2025, decided as follows: **Conditional Permission**

TO: Tullacondra Green Energy Limited

OF: C/O Alison Harvey MIPI, Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd., Unit E4, Nutgrove Office Park, Nutgrove Avenue, Dublin 14, D14V3F6

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