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**From:**  
Aisling Brattle  
14 Mayfield Park,  
Wadhurst,  
East Sussex TN5 6DH

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Re:** Appeal of Planning Decision 05503/24 – 9 Wind Turbines at Tullacondra.

### **To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing to formally appeal the decision by Cork County Council to grant planning permission to Tullacondra Green Energy Ltd for the construction of nine industrial wind turbines near our community. I am making this appeal because of the devastating affect this will have on our rural community that has been ignored, disrespected, and railroaded by both local government and a 20 year old outdated national policy on sustainability. The Council's decision is an insult to democratic process, a betrayal of public trust, and a damning example of how utterly broken the planning system has become when it comes to wind energy developments in Ireland.

### **1. A Community Ignored**

This project was shrouded in secrecy from the beginning. By the time most of the community heard about the plan (announced at mass, not by the developer), contracts had already been signed. A so-called public meeting in February was held during peak calving season—an insult to the rural families expected to attend—and once again, only a select few were notified. Is this what passes for public consultation in Ireland?

### **2. A Planning System Rigged for Developers**

Over 240 public submissions were lodged against this project. Expert objections were filed, including a 50 page technical submission from a qualified engineer who had firsthand experience living beside turbines and was forced to relocate because of the impacts. Cork County Council ignored this. They ignored decades of global scientific literature on noise pollution, shadow flicker, mental health deterioration, and ecosystem disruption. Not very green is it when ecosystem disruption is detrimental to an agricultural rich area, one of many upon which the people of this country depend on for food production as well as supporting our country's GDP and exports. They ignored cases where Irish High Court judges have shut down wind farms due to their devastating impact on residents. Cork County Council refused planning to another wind farm in Cork due to the high volume of objections – there were 70 objections, 70. Will the 240 objections against Tullacondra be taken seriously by An Bord Pleanala?

### **3. Negative Noise & Flicker impact on families and their young children**

It has been proven again and again that the impact of noise & flicker from wind turbines on local families and their young children is devastating. The prevailing south westerly winds will exasperate the noise and flicker effects on those families & their young children living in the

path of these winds. Is the health of these families and their young children not enough for An Bord Pleanála to reverse the Cork County Councils decision on the Tullacondra Wind Farm?

#### **4. Devaluing peoples homes**

It has, also, been proven again & again that the homes of those families and their young children living within close proximity to wind turbines will be devalued. These are homes where people in these communities have worked very hard for & yet these very same families will be forced into negative equity, to sell their homes and have less money in their pockets and forced to migrate to the cities. Isn't there enough displacement of people in our country as it is without adding our own citizens to these serious, ongoing national housing crisis. The knock on effect will exasperate the national housing crisis even more.

#### **5. An outdated National Policy on sustainability**

Ireland's wind energy guidelines have not been updated since 2006—nearly 20 years ago. Despite years of broken promises and public outcry, the government continues to delay their revision. This is either astonishing incompetence or a calculated strategy to allow developers to exploit outdated regulations. Either way, it is indefensible. The lack of updated, enforceable national guidance shows utter contempt for rural communities and an inept government (past and present) that is unfit to manage the transition to renewable energy responsibly.

#### **6. Violation of Human Rights**

We believe this decision constitutes a violation of our human rights—specifically our right to a safe, peaceful home and environment, protected under both the Irish Constitution and Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. To knowingly place these 175-metre industrial machines within 500m of dwellings—excluding uninhabited homes which may be reoccupied—is an unconscionable failure of duty of care. The planning system must not be weaponised to serve commercial interests at the expense of health, safety, and basic dignity.

#### **7. Health Risks to Vulnerable Populations**

The constant noise produced by wind turbines can have detrimental effects on all children, but especially children with special needs. Children with Autism and Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD) are particularly vulnerable to the negative effects of intrusive noise. Children and adults who live with these disorders have difficulty processing auditory sensory input; they often do not possess the ability to filter noises. Thus, they may hear all noises at the same level. The noise created from wind turbines would produce a noise that can cause continuous auditory sensory overload. This would result in severe interruptions in the person's ability to concentrate and focus and detrimental to their emotional and mental well being.

Moreover, individuals with hearing disorders may be more susceptible than persons with normal hearing to adverse health effects from wind turbine noise, and people who are deaf can suffer the same ill effects as those who have normal hearing when exposed to wind turbine noise.

## **8. Food security:**

North Cork has one of the most fertile soil in the country. With accurate intelligence coming from various countries within Europe, UK & USA all stating that Russia will highly likely invade Europe within the next three years. We should all know our most recent history....any invasion & attack in Europe will lead to food shortages, we only need to look at Ukraine, Gaza and World war I & World War II to remind ourselves of ration books and shortages of basic food. Should the inevitable happen the fertile soil & farmers in North Cork & the Golden Vale will be in a strong position to supply food to not only Ireland but also to Europe.

## **9. Solar farms – an alternative to wind turbines**

We are not against sustainable energy and strongly believe that a solar farm would supply a huge amount of sustainable energy and have less impact on the local communities, ecology, water supply whilst still storing carbon in the soil.

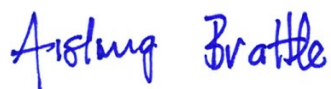
## **10. Data centres & small nuclear power stations**

The Government continues to give approval to data centres around the country which use an enormous amount of national energy supply which is not environmentally friendly and costs the Irish tax payer and their families millions of euros in indirect charges and taxes a year. These data centres should be made responsible for their own power generation by perhaps investing in mini nuclear stations at approximately 1.8 billion euros and take the pressure off local communities having to fight for their very existence against corporate wind farm companies like Tullacondra.

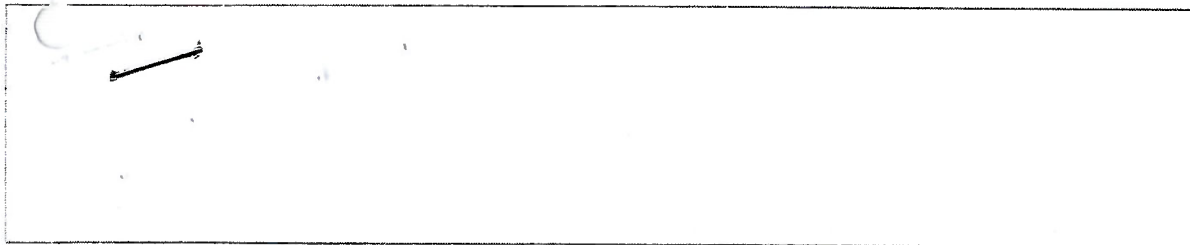
In conclusion, in the interest of national food security, a communities health and livelihood, I respectfully urge An Bord Pleanála to reverse the Cork County Council planning decision on Tullacondra wind farm. This development is not in the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. It has been handled with an arrogant disregard for the local community, their families and young children, ecology, democracy, and justice.

We are not anti-renewables as shown with the suggested alternatives of solar energy and mini nuclear power stations above. The concerns of the adverse effects of wind turbines on local communities & their young families living in rural Ireland are being ignored under the false pretence of climate action & sustainability. You are our last hope for justice. I implore you not to fail our community and their young children.

Sincerely,



Aisling Brattle

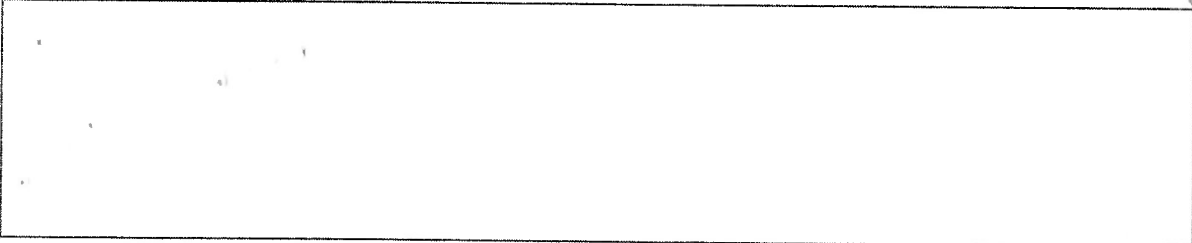


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10/09/2024

**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 Croughta, (Kilmaclenine



É.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 10/09/2024 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**

**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:**

Aisling Brattle  
14 Mayfield Park  
Wadhurst  
East Sussex

**ON 10/09/2024 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.

**Date: 10/09/2024**