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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP- 322787

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 13/7/25 from Denis Buckley 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 material information

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

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

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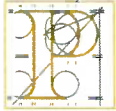
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Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004800

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Denis Buckley

Lodgement Date
13/07/2025 13:31:28

Case Number / Description
322787

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Dennis Buckley

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

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Date

18/7/25

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Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes No

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Date

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Finance Section

Payment Reference

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Checked Against Fee Income Online

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

Observation on Planning Appeal – Case Reference ABP-322787

Denis Buckley
Kilmaclenine
Ballyclough
Mallow
Co. Cork
13 July 2025

To:
The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
D01 V902

Planning Authority Reference: 245503

ABP Case Reference 322787

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to submit an observation in relation to the above-referenced planning appeal concerning the proposed construction of nine wind turbines approximately 800 metres from my residence in Kilmaclenine, Ballyclough, Mallow, Co. Cork.

I wish to object to this development on the following grounds:

1. Noise Pollution

The proposed turbines are located just 800 metres from my home, well within the range where turbine noise — including low-frequency and infrasound — can be disruptive. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) does not adequately address the cumulative noise impact of nine turbines operating simultaneously. This poses a serious risk to residential amenity, particularly during nighttime hours when ambient noise levels are low.

2. Visual Impact and Landscape Character

The turbines, due to their height and number, will dominate the skyline and significantly alter the rural character of the area. The visual impact will be particularly severe given the

open nature of the surrounding landscape. This development is incompatible with the existing rural setting and will result in a permanent and intrusive visual presence.

3. Health and Wellbeing

Numerous peer-reviewed studies have raised concerns about the health effects of living in close proximity to wind turbines, including sleep disturbance, stress, and headaches. The shadow flicker effect, which can occur when rotating blades cast intermittent shadows, is also known to cause discomfort and disorientation in sensitive individuals. These risks are not sufficiently mitigated in the current proposal.

4. Property Devaluation

There is strong evidence that proximity to wind farms can negatively affect property values. The visual and acoustic intrusion, combined with the industrialisation of a rural area, will likely reduce the desirability and marketability of my home, resulting in a significant financial loss.

5. Insufficient Community Consultation

There has been a lack of meaningful engagement with local residents. A development of this scale should involve transparent consultation and community input, which has not occurred in this case. This undermines public trust and fails to meet the principles of participatory planning.

6. Precedent and Cumulative Impact

Approving this development could set a precedent for further industrial-scale energy infrastructure in the area. The cumulative impact of multiple wind farms in the region has not been adequately assessed, particularly in terms of landscape fragmentation and pressure on local infrastructure.

I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála refuse permission for this development or, at the very least, require a significant increase in the setback distance from residential properties to mitigate these impacts.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,
Denis Buckley

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