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CORRESPONDENCE FORM

Appeal No: ABP 322787-29

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Please treat correspondence received on 08/07/29 as follows:

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| 2. Acknowledge with BP <u>40</u> | 1. RETURN TO SENDER with BP _____ |
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| Amendments/Comments <u>observation from Maurice & Margaret Butler</u> |
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| 4. Attach to file (a) R/S <input type="checkbox"/> (d) Screening <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) GIS Processing <input type="checkbox"/> (e) Inspectorate <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Processing <input type="checkbox"/> | RETURN TO EO <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| EO: <u>Drum</u> <u>ben ack</u> | AA: <u>Laurence Foley</u> |
| Date: <u>10/07/29</u> | Date: <u>11/07/25</u> |

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Appeal NO: ABP 322-787-23

Defer Re O/H

TO: SEO

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 08/07/25
from

M M Butler I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000
be/rot beinvoked at this stage for the following reason(s): no new material information

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Date: 06/08/25

For further consideration by SEO/SAO

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

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

S.E.O.: _____

Date: _____

S.A.O.: _____

Date: _____

M _____

Please prepare BP _____ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission

to: _____ Task No: _____

Allow 2/3/4weeks – BP _____

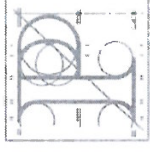
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Date: _____

Lodgement Cover Sheet - LDG-081246-25



An Bord Pleanála

Details

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| Lodgement Date | 08/07/2025 |
| Customer | Maurice and Margaret Butler |
| Lodgement Channel | Post |
| Lodgement by Agent | No |
| Agent Name | |
| Correspondence Primarily Sent to | |
| Registered Post Reference | |

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| Lodgement ID | LDG-081246-25 |
| Map ID | |
| Created By | Scott Moss |
| Physical Items included | No |
| Generate Acknowledgement Letter | |
| Customer Ref. No. | |
| PA Reg Ref | |

Categorisation

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| Lodgement Type | Observation / Submission |
| Section | Processing |

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| PA Name | Cork County Council |
| Case Type (3rd Level Category) | |

Fee and Payments

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| Specified Body | No |
| Oral Hearing | No |
| Fee Calculation Method | System |
| Currency | Euro |
| Fee Paid | 50.00 |
| Refund Amount | |

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| Observation/Objection Allowed? | |
| Payment | PMT-063752-25 |
| Related Payment Details Record | PD-063591-25 |

BP40

Observation

Run at: 08/07/2025 09:41

Run by: Scott Moss

ABP 322787

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| PA Case Number | |
| PA Decision Date | |
| County | |
| Development Type | |
| Development Address | |
| Appellant | |
| Supporting Argument | |

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| Development Description | |
| Applicant | |
| Additional Supporting Items | |

Maurice & Margaret Butler,
Kilmaclenine,
Ballyclough,
Co Cork
7th July 2025

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LDG- 081246-25
ACP- _____
08 JUL 2025
Fee: € 50 Type: PMO
Time: 8:38 By: Reg
SM

The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Malborough Street,
Dublin 1.

An Bord Pleanála Case ref PL04.322787 Cork County Council planning ref 245503

A Chairde

I would like to make an observation in relation to Cork County Council decision.

Suitability of Development

The Applicant states that the proposed development is in an area marked as open to consideration for renewable energy according to the Cork County Development Plan. As stated in their own RSK Page 42 Item 6...

Commercial wind energy development is for consideration where proposals avoid adverse impacts on Residential amenity such as noise, shadow flicker and visual impact.

Our home, located less than 700 meters from this large development site, will be significantly affected by noise, shadow flicker, and vibration.

The Applicant's EIAR states that noise levels from the operation will only meet the outdated 2006 WEDG noise criteria, claiming no significant impact on our lives. However, this is inadequate for turbines that are now 175 meters high with a 150-meter span. The 2006 guidelines, are not relevant to turbines one-third of this size, are now 19 years old.

Hydrogeology contamination of ground water

The Applicants' EIAR are insufficient and inaccurate. Please refer to **Aqua Geo Services report Mr. Bruno Teillard under the community appeal Solicitor Joe Noonan** which finds the EIAR to be fundamentally inadequate and fails to meet the level of rigour required for this size development.

Effects on our streams and water courses

This development will significantly affect our streams and watercourses leading to the River Blackwater. As it is a European Special Area of Conservation, this will harm endangered freshwater pearl mussels, crayfish, salmon and European eel. Nearby ponds on neighbouring farms attract otters, kingfishers, dragonflies, and various other species.

The applicants EIAR are inadequate, and I feel untrue. Please refer to Pascal Sweeney Biologist under the Community appeal Solicitor Joe Noonan

Air Ambulance

The north Cork Air Ambulance, operating from Rathcoole airfield, is limited to 500 feet by visual flight rules and must use valley routes due to altitude restrictions. The helicopter travels at 160-180 mph, covering the 17 km to the proposed site about 7 minutes.

The planned turbine development would obstruct the ambulance's flight path, as turbines would exceed the legal flight height (175 m vs. 152 m). Many Submissions (248) from our community were made raising these concerns to Cork County Council **but were not addressed**. The impact on emergency services will be adversely affected.

Health and Safety

The proposed wind farm will significantly impact local workers and nearby farmers due to noise and flicker from the turbines. Additionally, animal welfare will be hugely affected.

Light pollution disrupts sleep patterns.

The development will have a diverse effect on our community and landscape. With a wall of Turbines spreading across 1.5 kilometers, 175 meters high by 150 meters span **to close** to our homes. We as a community are now under duress and financial pressure to protect our families health and safety.

Lack of Communication

We were never informed of the above development re public meetings; no letter drop was ever received at our home. We were never given any chance to communicate our concerns. This is not in line with **Code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland**.

It is concerning that a development of this scale has received all available advantages. Our community is currently experiencing significant mental and financial stress as a result. The time allocated by Cork County Council for reviewing these materials and accompanying reports was insufficient; my understanding is that legislation requires a five-week period, yet only four weeks were provided. As the materials were not accessible online for an entire week after being received by the Council.

We were not provided with an opportunity to respond to the Applicant's submission addressing Cork County Council's Request for further information on 24 items. Although there was a brief update made to the file, it was subsequently altered the next day. We found the Applicant's response to be insufficient and lacking in accuracy.

I ask you to please refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Butler
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Cork County Council
County Hall
Cork
Tel - 021 427 6891
VAT Registration No - 0007458M

Customer Details
Maurice & Margaret Butler
Kilmaclenine
Ballyclough
Mallow
Cork

02-SEP-2024
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Cork County Council

Receipt : PLG0045551



Header Details

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Ballyclough
Mallow
Cork
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