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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO: ABP 322787

Defer Re O/H

TO: SEO

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 15/7/25
from

Sarah Cooney 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

E.O.: D. Cooney via ceek

Date: 06/08/25

To EO: _____

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: _____

Allow 2/3/4 weeks – BP _____

EO: _____

Date: _____

AA: _____

Date: _____

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CORRESPONDENCE FORM

Appeal No: ABP _____

M _____

Please treat correspondence received on _____ as follows:

1. Update database with new agent for Applicant/Appellant _____

2. Acknowledge with BP _____

3. Keep copy of Board's Letter

1. RETURN TO SENDER with BP _____

2. Keep Envelope:

3. Keep Copy of Board's letter

Amendments/Comments

4. Attach to file

(a) R/S

(d) Screening

(b) GIS Processing

(e) Inspectorate

(c) Processing

RETURN TO EO

Plans Date Stamped

Date Stamped Filled in

EO:

AA:

Date:

Date:

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-002931

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Sarah Gayer

Lodgement Date
15/07/2025 17:12:11

Case Number / Description
322787

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Sarah Gayer

Payment Amount
€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG-081608-28

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

Yes No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

Yes No

Signed

EO

Date

Finance Section

Payment Reference

ch_3RIBShB1CW0EN5FC0cMn2M8H

Checked Against Fee Income Online

EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount

€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date

Date

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Case Reference: ABP-322787

To:

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Planning Authority Reference 245503

ABP Case Reference 322787

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Date: 15-07-2025

Signature 

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To whom it may concern,

I am an equine veterinarian with a personal attachment to Dolman view farm, Kilmaclenine, and the area local to the proposed development of 9 wind turbines and all associated works by Tullacondra Green Energy Limited.

In particular I am concerned about the risk posed to equines by the construction of such turbines. I have extensive professional and personal experience of how sensitive a species horses are. Horses are much more susceptible to noise, light and movement than other species. They are also able to move and react faster than any other domestic species with a strong flight or fight impulse contributing to their unpredictability. This poses known risks to handlers safety.

Ireland is a world leader in the breeding, production and competition of both sport and race horses. A 2023 report commissioned by *Horse Racing Ireland* (HRI), Deloitte estimated the total direct and stimulated expenditure of the Irish breeding and racing industry at €2.46bn. This industry is maintained and a large amount of employment supported by breeders and trainers such as Mr O Grady and his family. It would be remiss not to consider the people maintaining this industry from the roots up as a high priority when deciding on such large planning projects in rural areas.

On a personal note, myself and my sister Hannah have undertaken a hobby of retraining several racehorses on our family farm in Kilmaclenine. This rural location to date has been ideal for such activities. It has been a holding for our horses since we were children as indeed have many of our neighbours farms.

People who work with horses daily take all measures possible to minimize the risks posed to personal safety i.e. wearing personal protective equipment, undertaking appropriate training, approaching and handling horses with due care and maintaining a hazard free working environment. A document published by Horse Racing Ireland in December 2022, *Health Safety and well-being guide for the Horse Breeding and Racing Sectors*, outlined 'Responsibilities of employers' to include preventing "risks to health and safety arising from the use of any article or substance or from exposure to physical agents, noise or vibration." However the hazard posed by Tullacondra Green Energy Ltd. would not be

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a risk that the O' Grady family nor the rest of the community could minimise as the operation of the turbines would be out of our control.

Lastly the deleterious effects of wind turbines on equines have not been studied to a scale that can be scientifically documented. Thus I concede there is minimal peer reviewed evidence to support the presence of a measurable risk. However it is with the same argument in place that one must agree the negative effects of wind turbines are not measured to an extent that any potential risk could be deemed negligible. Thus, I feel that it is negligent to work off the old Irish adage 'it'll be grand' when there is a potential danger to human safety. Surely in such cases 'precautionary principle' is advised until such risks have been proven to be absolutely negligible or studied adequately (i.e. if a potential risk exists, action should be taken to prevent or mitigate it, even if the full extent of the risk is not yet known.) Experts prefaced by Tullacondra green energy cannot reference a suitable peer-reviewed study to support the opinion that the risk to horses, horse racing, breeding and this valuable industry is negligible. Thus, this is simply an opinion on a topic too new or green to have suitable experts yet.

I appeal to you to reconsider the granting of planning for this proposed project. The project will not be short-lived by the local community but rather it will significantly and immeasurably impact on the livelihoods and personal safety of several of the local community.

Yours sincerely.



Sarah Gayer MVB. CERT AVP (EL)