

Daire
LDG-081476-25



Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004839

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Adam Long

Lodgement Date
15/07/2025 14:20:06

Case Number / Description
322787

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Eavan Long

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

Signed


EO

Date

22/7/25

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

€

Lodgement No

LDG—

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_3RI8m9B1CW0EN5FC1XtRfLug

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

File With

[Empty box]

SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP-322787

Defer Re O/H

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

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

Signed

Deanne Lita Achi

Date

06/08/25

EO

Signed

[Empty box]

Date

[Empty box]

SEO/SAO

M

Please prepare BP — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

To

[Empty box]

Task No

[Empty box]

Allow 2/3/4 weeks

BP

Signed

[Empty box]

Date

[Empty box]

EO

Signed

[Empty box]

Date

[Empty box]

AA

Laurence Foley 24/07/25

July 14th, 2025

The Secretary
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dubin 1
D01 V902

Adam Long
Boherascrub
Buttevant
Co. Cork, P51 WF68
adamlong8@icloud.com

Objection Submission to An Bord Pleanála

Subject: Objection – asking An Bord Pleanála to overturn Cork County Council's Decision to Grant Planning Permission for Nine Industrial Wind Turbines at Tullacondra and Surrounding Lands

ABP Case reference: 322787

Planning Authority reference: 24/5503

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Firstly, let me state that I am not anti green energy nor am I a NIMBYist. I can also say that about many of the people in our community. The main issue at the core of this development is the suitability of this part of rural North Cork as a location for these large turbines. This development will effectively turn this beautiful part of rural Ireland into an industrial zone, causing long term harm to the people, wildlife, environment in the process.

Cork County Council have ignored the objections of 240 people in this case. Yet in another recent wind farm application in another part of County Cork, CCC refused planning largely due to the large number of objections, a total of 80 in that case, one of many contradictions.

Too big, too close.

This slogan is used by many communities in rural Ireland. These simple four words very effectively sum up one of the biggest problems with wind farms. You are all too aware I'm sure that **Wind Farm Guidelines 2006** are almost 2 decades out of date. This has not for purpose given many years, given the technological advances in wind turbines in that time. Cork County Council have ignored the fact that there are properties both currently being renovated and potential future homes located within 500 meters of these turbines. This will make these properties uninhabitable taking out essential housing stock in a worsening housing shortage and crisis. This wind farm developer should not be allowed to dictate to us

how and where we will live. This especially applies to the younger generations now wanting to move back and live in the community where they grew up. This development has the potential to destroy the fabric of this community. This will have impacts on rural schools, businesses, GAA and other sports clubs, connection with people. Cork County Council have ignored this impact.

Visual and Landscape Impact: Industrialising rural Ireland

Cork County Council have ignored the visual impact and industrialisation of our community. This development will alter this part of North Cork's traditional rural landscape. These large turbines will dominate the scenic views of the mountains of Mount Hillary and the Kerry mountains beyond. This development will completely and forever change and destroy the character of this areas known for its natural beauty. Most of these turbines will be placed on completely flat land without any natural topographical or forest cover to mitigate their visual impact. This area is so flat that every part of the turbines from the base upwards will be visible. Other county councils have refused planning due to visual impacts such as: Waterford County Council refused planning due to significant adverse landscape and visual impacts for Coumragappul Wind Farm, Waterford.

Noise and a prevailing wind

Reports on noise disturbances, shadow flicker, and concerns about long-term health effects are well documented. A 50 page noise report was submitted a member of the community to CCC. This person is not only a highly qualified engineer but also someone with first hand knowledge of the impacts of wind turbines, having had to move from his home due to the adverse impacts on his family's health. This report contradicts the noise reports made by the developer. Yet Cork County Council have chosen to ignore it. As matter of fact CCC have set the noise threshold at 45dB when the noise threshold should be 37dB. Another obvious contradiction.

Many of the sensitive receptors homes are positioned in the direct line of fire of the south western prevailing wind. This wind will amplify the noise from these turbines destroying our peace and our peace of mind. Noise from these machines have a detrimental impact on sensitive receptors. As you are well aware this is fact and not hyperbole and evident in the following two High Court cases:

Byrne & Moorhead v ABO Wind Ireland Ltd

High Court ordered the permanent shut down of 3 turbines. Court ruled noise was a nuisance and unacceptable in a residential setting.

Webster & Anor v Meenacloghspar Wind Farm 2023

Wind farm was found liable for noise and shadow flicker nuisance. Court upheld that the rights of homeowners were violated by ongoing disturbance.

Prime agricultural land

This part of North Cork is in the heart of the Golden Vale, prime agricultural land, land that is used to produce food and milk for this part of the world and beyond. More and more prime agricultural land is being replaced by wind and solar farms, land that will never again be used for food production. Natural food will be replaced with genetically modified food produced by the same multi billion euro food giants of the world who are already poisoning us with their ultra processed "food". Where has common sense gone?

Planning and Community Consent

There was little if any community consultation. Most people in the area only became aware of this development at mass on Sunday morning in July 2024. Planning notices where

erected the day the main road closed for major roadworks for 6 weeks. This was not a coincidence and only displays the lack of respect that the developers have shown the community.

Ecological Disruption

There are concerns about the impact of wind farms on wildlife, particularly birds and bats. Please read the reports that have been submitted by the community appeal. This development threatens protected birds, bats, red listed birds, foxes.

Effect on the community

This has driven a wedge between our community, the landowners and developers on one side and the rest of the community on the other. People are afraid, anxious and angry. The greed of a few has the potential to destroy the lives of many.

Environmental concerns and contradictions

Sulphur Hexafluoride Gas, SF₆ the man-made, colourless, odourless gas used to insulate electrical installation in wind turbines is the most powerful greenhouse gas known to humanity. It has the highest global warming potential of any known substance. It is 23,500 times more warming than carbon dioxide (CO₂) and lasts in the atmosphere for 1300 years.

According to a BBC report in 2019, emissions of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆), have been rising rapidly in recent years, and the likely culprit is "the green energy boom". This has been quoted as the industry's "dirty secret" in the BBC article. The article also claimed that SF₆ emissions to the atmosphere in 2017 had the same warming effect as adding an extra 1.3 million cars to roads across the UK and the EU.

Yet this is all conveniently brushed under the carpet and hidden from the public. We are bombarded on content on CO₂, yet there is no coverage in the media about SF₆. How and why is the possible? This is very strange to me.

Conclusion

I ask that you put yourself in the shoes of a **sensitive receptor**. These aren't just houses on a map; they are our homes, often multi-generational, deeply rooted in the land and local area. These turbines will destroy this beautiful area of rural North Cork, inflict mental, psychological and financial harm onto the sensitive receptors and forcing people out of the area. How is this progress?

Over the past number of decades, Cork County Council gave planning permission to many of the families now living in this area. Cork County Council can surely not now decide to turn our homes into an industrial zone and destroy the very fabric of this community. We were here first. This is rural Ireland, not some industrial zone.

I respectfully ask An Bord Pleanála to overturn Cork County Council's decision.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Long

Adam Long