



An Coimisiún Pleanála

### Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-004820

Dáire  
LDG-081458-25

#### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Victoria O Connor

Lodgement Date  
14/07/2025 16:01:28

Case Number / Description  
322787

#### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
Victoria O Connor

Payment Amount  
€50.00

#### Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

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EO

Date

22/7/25

#### 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

#### Finance Section

Payment Reference

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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

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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP- 322787

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 4/7/25 from Victoria O'Conna I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 be /notb einvoked 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.

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Drewitt WTA cell

Date

06/09/25

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Date

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

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Task No

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Allow 2/3/4 weeks

BP

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Date

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AA

Lewisoley 24/07/25

Name: Victoria O'Connor

Address: Ardaprior, Lisgriffin, Co.Cork.

Planning Authority: Cork County Council

An Bord Pleanála Appeal Case Number: 322787

Planning Authority Register Reference Number: 245503

Location of Proposed Development:

Polnareagha, Ardskeagh, Tullacondra,  
Croughta

Kilmaclenine, Ballyclogh, Knockaunavaddreen,

Copestown, Ballybeg, Baltydaniel East, Twopothouse, Caurraghakerry, Co. Cork

Observation Details:

The grounds of which my observation is regarding to, is the health and wellbeing of equine animals in the area, local health and occupational risks and the threat of discontinuation of family lineage remaining around the family home. (Below you will find an in depth analysis on each of the points that I have mentioned above.)

#### 1. Equine Health and Wellbeing

Included in the areas of which the planning permission is requested the large quantity of equine animals in the region that will be affected by the proposed planning objects is alarming. Having studied Equine healthcare it is important for everyone involved to be aware of the chronic stress factors, behavioural changes and health conditions associated with the proposed planning objects. Electromagnetic fields and ground current such as the ones associated with wind turbines, surrounding the horses pastures can affect the nutrition intake and digestive systems of these animals which may lead to a decrease in horses in the surrounding area creating unemployment in that sector. Whilst driving on roads going through all these areas I have often passed young children out after school riding their ponies enjoying a hack and getting some fresh air. Horses are known to be high alert animals with a tendency to spook at unnatural objects within their view. Parents may take this as a worry and stop their children from going out enjoying their hobby as a preventative safety measure. Children should not be deprived of what they may consider the happiest part of their day. Horses play a significant role in the economic contribution to our country as it generates jobs involving roles in tourism, breeding, care, education etc. Horses also play a huge role in sustainable land management such as maintaining trials and pastures without heavy machinery.

#### 2. Local Health and Occupational Risks

The upcoming generation deserve to have every opportunity possible to grow in society and thrive within the Irish business sector. I myself have researched many case studies surrounding the impact of wind turbines in areas where families were forced to leave their homes and move from their home place, some of which many generations had passed through. I've seen the affects first hand when families relocate, all sentimental attachments to the area disappear, creating a void which people try to fulfil by moving abroad and getting employment overseas. Many business owners in the area such as ones involved in the equine industry, animal welfare and even construction will be affected. There are homes in the zone marked out where families are residing and the sound frequency from the proposed wind turbines can cause distressing reaction to people, especially those who suffer with certain forms of mental illnesses, hearing disabilities and those who have been affected by brain injuries.

The vestibular system which is associated with motion sickness involving fluctuations in the cerebellum and vestibular nerves have been reported in similar cases and in my opinion are

unnecessary health issues to be posing to the public. Once again, this can affect attendance at work which may lead to disruption in the financial circumstances of families home life.

Coming from a family where two of my family members, within my family home wear hearing aids I watched first-hand the struggle they faced with vibrations from machinery on roads and even the whirring noise of a microwave would cause disturbances within the hearing aid causing irritation and frustration. Wind turbines are known for their loud, unnatural frequency, whirring sound. It's hard enough for people, especially the youth to feel comfortable needing to wear a hearing aid, added disadvantages should not be put into the mix for them and if they are finding their hearing aids uncomfortable and are taking them out for a break they could miss out on important information in school leading to a decrease in knowledge gain, posing additional risks for their educational journey which can limit their potential to find a job in the future.

### 3. Discontinuation of family lineage remaining around the family home.

From researching the factors that the proposed planning permission affect, it came to my attention that future planning permission in the area will be affected. I feel very strongly about this as many local families have had the opportunity to have their own children build a home, a life and a family on neighbouring land and create a beautiful close-knit connection within their family. Having extra limitations on this and negative contributing factors result in further distance between families. I believe it is an honour to reside near our parents and help give back time to them that they so greatly gave to us.

The Irish heritage was all about us standing, firmly together. Disrupting our heritage and our beautiful homelands should not be a goal of our local authorities.

Above are just some of the reasons why I feel so strongly against the proposed development. I am grateful to have a voice and an opportunity to stand up for what I believe is best for our community. This land that I so deeply admire and am so honoured to have called my home for so many years does not deserve to have its community destroyed, its landscape obstructed and its families affected.