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An Coimisiún Pleanála

### Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-004805

#### Online Observation Details

<b>Contact Name</b> Tim Cronin	<b>Lodgement Date</b> 13/07/2025 17:22:34	<b>Case Number / Description</b> 322787
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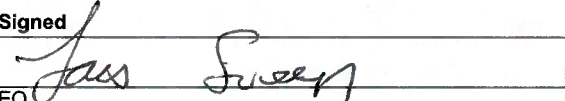
#### Payment Details

<b>Payment Method</b> Online Payment	<b>Cardholder Name</b> Mr T Cronin	<b>Payment Amount</b> €50.00
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#### Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes — See attached 131 Form	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A — Invalid
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<b>Signed</b>  EO	<b>Date</b> 18/7/25
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#### Fee Refund Requisition

<b>Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of</b> €	<b>Lodgement No</b> LDG—
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**Reason for Refund**

<b>Documents Returned to Observer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Signed</b> <input type="text"/> EO	<b>Date</b> <input type="text"/>
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#### Finance Section

<b>Payment Reference</b> ch_3RkSfeB1CW0EN5FC02Cq0bBe	<b>Checked Against Fee Income Online</b> <input type="text"/> EO/AA (Accounts Section)
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<b>Amount</b> €	<b>Refund Date</b> <input type="text"/>
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<b>Authorised By (1)</b> <input type="text"/> SEO (Finance)	<b>Authorised By (2)</b> <input type="text"/> Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member
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<b>Date</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Date</b> <input type="text"/>
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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 Tim Cronin 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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Signed

Dave McCall

Date

06/08/25

EO

Signed

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Date

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

To

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Task No

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Allow 2/3/4 weeks

BP

Signed

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Date

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AA

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**To:**

The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
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Planning Authority Reference 245503

ABP Case Reference 322787

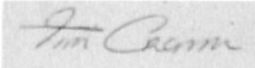
Name: Tim Cronin

Address: Boherascrub, Buttevant, Co. Cork, P51YFE4

Email Address: Tim.cronin@msd.com

Number: 086 3188 380

Date: 08 July 2025

Signature 

Dear Secretary.

As a member of the local community, I most strongly object to this application and respectfully ask that you do not grant approval for the application that currently sits with you. This request is based on the following points:

- The Council requested further information from the Applicant in October 2024 and when a more-than 500 page response was received in March of 2025, the council denied the public / local community an opportunity to comment on the additional information, yet deemed the information significant enough to circulate to its own internal departments and multiple public bodies. We in the community were denied

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any opportunity to comment on this additional information i.e. excluded from the process and this is certainly very unfair and possibly unlawful.

- This development is being dropped into the middle of a close-knit community where the best Golden Vale agricultural land exists and in so doing has, and continues to, divide the community with resentment against the landowners and suspicion amongst neighbours. The guidance/expectation for developments like this is that adverse impacts should be avoided from noise, shadow flicker and visual impact, architectural, archaeological & significant ecological site, natural heritage areas and avoids impact to the visual quality of the landscape over wide areas. Given the proposed location of this development, these adverse impacts cannot be avoided. I live within 1.3km from the proposed site of the nearest turbine and fully expect adverse impact from noise, shadow flicker and infrasound (and further enhanced by the fact that I am located on the Eastern side of the turbines with the most common prevailing wind coming for the South West). I know the area is full of ecological, architectural, archaeological and natural heritage areas; and it is very obvious from many different aspects that the visual quality of the landscape will be highly impacted with Kerry mountain ranges to the West of us and Galtee mountains to the East of us. The developer does admit that there will be adverse impacts but claims they will not be significant (something which may only be fully determined upon start-up of the project which is then too later)...and anyway, why should the local community be subjected to adverse impacts regardless of the significance when it is of great financial benefit for the developer and significant pain for those left in the community. Why is an adverse impact to the nearest residents, as confirmed by the applicant, acceptable in any shape or form?
- My 1.3km distance from the nearest turbine on the downside of the most common wind direction will mean noise will be a significant adverse impact. The outdated 2006 guidelines which were developed at a time when turbine blades were much shorter and less data was available on the impact of noise (infrasound and shadow flicker) on humans and wildlife. These guidelines are completely useless in the current timeline but in the absence of anything more useful, are completely relied upon to obtain approval from authorities. As the main Appeal submitted by our legal team outlines, a number of recent High Court cases have given judgements in favour of the local communities. Operation restraining orders and permanent shutdowns and now being ordered following lengthy legal battles to convince the High Courts of the grave and unlawful affects of these developments in near proximity to residents. I am in this very same situation if this development goes ahead, why should I have to face the same 8 to 12 years of hardship, cost, stress/strain, complete disruption of life at a time of my life when I am close to retirement, fighting a lengthy legal battle when similar developments are already receiving judgements against them?

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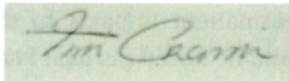
- The volume and scale of construction traffic in our small community with narrow secondary roads covering multiple routes for both delivery and construction of turbines and connection of the grid routes will cause havoc over a prolonged period. I have seen numerous submissions complaining of this and I know a large number of residents along the grid connection route have signed their objection to the use of their land (extending to the middle of the public road) for this activity. There is a huge number of potential impacts from this kind of activity most of which have already been outlined in submissions and appeals. Additionally on this point, the Transport Infrastructure Ireland previously made a submission to Cork County Council indicating that the application was premature given the ongoing development of the road network in this part of the County.
- The proposed wind farm is in the direct line of flight for rescue helicopters that fly South-West from Rathcoole/ Macroom direction to North East Limerick direction or South East Cork direction and back again on a frequent basis. The maximum height-level of these flights are restricted to below cloud level at 500 feet as they fly via Visual Flight Rules. These 580ft high turbines pose a significant risk to these craft especially in poor weather and at night. The mountain terrain forces these helicopters to fly directly over the proposed development area. This service is an essential service to this part of Munster and I know of specific local cases where lives were saved through the swift transfer of injured parties to medical establishments; therefore, this service should not be put at risk. I also have seen that a fantastic submission on aviation and the impact to flight and radar paths to/from Cork airport was made as part of the original submissions to the Cork County Council.
- The Cork County Council's RFI Item 6 made a request was made to address issues in relation to hedgerows/tree lines/biodiversity enhancement to the north of T2 and looked for alternative routes or methods of reducing permanent impacts to the mature boundary. This is also a townland boundary. It should be noted (as best I can determine from a huge volume of literature) that a similar townland boundary exists to the south of T4 between the townlands of Ardskeagh and Tullacondra and there seems to be no mention of this concern by the Council. I am concerned as to the damage that may be caused to the townland boundary between Ardskeagh and Tullacondra. The developer intends to have a permanent access between this hedgerow boundary to connect T4 to T5 from construction through to decommissioning. This townland boundary has high historical significance, habitat provision and biodiversity refugia and corridor. I feel the potential damage has not been adequately addressed by the applicant in the EIAR. Additionally, it should be noted that an appeal letter was submitted by one of the landowners, Tim Cronin, where he explicitly denies the requested consent for a number habitat enhancement measures and mitigation measures (RFI #8) required from the landowners (this would involve the townland boundary between Poulmareagha and Ardskeagh) and indicates that the developer has been made aware of this denial and also the fact that he no longer wants to proceed with the overall wind turbine development proposal.

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- As previously mentioned, this area has a high density of dairy farming and at least 2 significant horse-based businesses (O'Grady's bordering the turbine site and McDowall along the grid connection routes). I have seen that representatives from these businesses have submitted objections to this development with substantial points to consider; therefore no need to labour this consideration here.
- I have seen that some land owners have forwarded submissions against this Tullacondra wind turbine development to Cork County Council. I would presume from this, that the land owners would now wish to get free of their contracts if they could find a legal route for doing so. If the majority of the local community and two of the three land owners are submitting objections on this application, then why grant approval for something that few are in favour of?

Based on the above points, I respectfully request that you refuse the application for this wind farm development.

Regards,

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Tim Cronin".

Tim Cronin