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Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004807

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Mick whelan

Lodgement Date
13/07/2025 20:32:38

Case Number / Description
322787

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Georgina Whelan

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

Signed


EO

Date

10/7/25

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

Signed

EO

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 13/7/13 from Nick Whelan 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.

[Checked box]

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

[Empty box]

Signed

Dave Walsh

EO

Date

06/08/25

Signed

[Empty box]

SEO/SAO

Date

[Empty box]

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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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EO

Date

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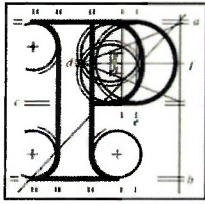
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AA

Date

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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form.

Your details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

Your full details:

(a) Name

Mick Whelan

(b) Address

Meadowview House
Lisgriffin, Buttevant, Co Cork
P51 E0F8

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Not Applicable

(b) Agent's address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the appeal process we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this observation, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only.)

You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

The agent at the address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the appeal you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Cork Co Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

322787

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

24/05503

(d) Location of proposed development

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Tullancondra & Surrounding areas

Observation details

5. Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below or you can attach them separately.

As a health and safety consultant with extensive experience in occupational and community risk management, I wish to submit the following safety-based observations on the Tullacondra Wind Energy Project, recently granted planning permission.

While renewable energy is important, it must not come at the cost of safety, health, or the well-being of communities. The proposed development raises serious concerns in the following areas:

- **Community Safety:** The scale and proximity of turbines to homes, farms and public roads present risks from blade throw, ice throw, shadow flicker and mechanical failure. Emergency access and evacuation procedures have not been clearly outlined for local residents in the event of fire or malfunction.
- **Equine & Bovine Safety:** The area has an active equine sector and significant livestock presence. Sudden noise, vibration and visual disturbance from turbines are known to startle animals, posing dangers to handlers, riders and farmworkers.
- **Health Implications:** Noise pollution (including low-frequency/infrasound), sleep disruption and increased stress levels can result from long-term turbine exposure. Vulnerable populations including children and older adults are particularly at risk.
- **Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF₆):** If used in switchgear, this gas is a potent greenhouse gas and highly toxic if released during fire or mechanical failure. Its inclusion must be openly declared and risk assessed.
- **Access Roads & Construction Risk:** New access routes and heavy vehicle traffic increase the potential for road traffic incidents and pose a risk to rural road users, pedestrians and schoolchildren.

In addition to these points, the project risks undermining ecological balance, archaeological heritage and existing environmental schemes. I strongly urge a comprehensive independent safety and environmental review before this project proceeds further.

Regards Mick Whelan – MSc Occupational Health

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct **fee** is included with your observation. You can find out the correct fee to include in our [Fees and Charges Guide](#) on our website.

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