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Appeal No: ABP 322788

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**SECTION 131 FORM**

Appeal NO: ABP 322787

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TO: SEO

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 14/7/25

from Agnes Brich I recommend that section 131 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E.O.: revoke let revoke

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please prepare BP \_\_\_\_\_ - Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission

to: \_\_\_\_\_

Allow 2/3/4 weeks - BP \_\_\_\_\_

EO: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

AA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Agnes Brick,  
Smartscastle,  
Ferrybank,  
Waterford.  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

An Bord Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
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ACP- \_\_\_\_\_  
14 JUL 2025  
Fee: € 50 Type: Cheque  
Time: 9.15 By: Post S

Reference Number: ACP-322787-25

Re: Planning Application Ref.

No: 24/05503

Applicant: Tullacondra Green Energy Limited

Description of Development: The Applicant is seeking permission for the construction, operation and decommissioning of a Wind Energy Development including: 9 wind turbines each with a blade tip height of 175 metres, rotor diameter of 150 metres, hub height of 100 metres and a rated output of 4.5 megawatts. An on-site 38 kilovolt electrical substation. Permanent meteorological mast of 100 metres height above ground level on a concrete base. Installation of approx. 13.5 kilometres of 38 kilovolts underground electrical cable, mainly within the public road between the proposed wind farm substation to the boundary of Mallow 110 Kilovolt substation at St Joseph,s Road Mallow.

Location: Polnareagha, Ardskeagh, Tullacondra, Crougtha, Kilmaclenine, Ballyclogh, Knockaunavaddreen, , Copestown, Ballybeg, Baltydaniel East, Twopothouse, Caurrahakerry, Co. Cork

10/07/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above planning application & wish to make the following submission in relation to the proposed development. Though I do not live locally I regularly use the road from Doneraile to Kanturk via Two-Pot House and Kilmaclenine Cross. I wish to object to the proposed development based on the points outlined below:

**1. Archaeological Considerations;** The attached map (marked A) of the proposed area clearly outline a large number of sites of archaeological and historical interest – Holy wells (4), Burial Grounds (3), Standing Stones (10), Fullacht Fias (14), Mass Rock, Megalithic Tomb, Mounds and Moated Sites (5) as well as Churches and a Castle. At minimum an archaeological team would need to be on site during excavation to monitor disturbances caused and to log artefacts that may be uncovered.

**2. Devaluation of Property:** As the proposed wind farm is sited in prime agricultural land it will have a devaluing effect on all houses and lands within a 5 kilometre (minimum) radius.

**3. Loss of View:** The proposal says it will not impact negatively on future planning application by local families for house / land development. However I disagree as who would want to build a home or buy a home, which looks out on a windfarm instead of the natural landscape that is currently there.

**4. Damage during Construction:** a) The proposal to transport 175 meter long turbines along narrow country roads to the proposed site cannot be done without major destruction and upheaval to the roads, homes and businesses along the route. Similar wind turbines came into Waterford Port at Bellview in the past year and there was major disruption on the national roads to transport them safely due to their size. (see attached documents marked B). Each proposed turbine (175m) is longer than Pairc Ui Chaoimh or Croke Park (145m) and that is not including the lorry cab. There are no suitable roads in the proposed area that will take vehicles that size.

b) The through traffic (with heavy loads) on such small rural roads will increase hugely when construction starts and will be detrimental to the road surface. It will also disrupt the lives of the many people (both locally, and from towns like Kanturk & Lisscarroll) who use the Lisgriffin to Mallow road daily to get to/from work as well as the businesses that use the road, especially parents and children going to/from Lisgriffin NS. It will also impact on the many people locally who use these neighbourhood roads for walking and leisure.

#### **5. Environmental Reasons:**

a) CO<sub>2</sub>: It is a well-known ecological fact that the generation of concrete is not environmentally friendly. "Carbon dioxide emissions and climate change; The CO<sub>2</sub> produced for the manufacture of structural concrete (using ~14% cement) is estimated at 410 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (~180 kg/tonne @ density of 2.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup>)."

It is understood that a minimum of 30 lorry loads of concrete, each approx. 8 cubic meters, are needed to support 1 base to hold 1 turbine. That means at least 3,280 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> is produced for each load. Multiplied by 9 is nearly 10,000kg of CO<sub>2</sub>. And that does not include the 10<sup>th</sup> pylon base to support a 100 meter meteorological mast on a concrete base. How can this be 'good' or 'green' for the environment?

b) Habitat Destruction: The proposed works and subsequent turbines will lead to a decline in biodiversity. The impact on species, primarily birds and bats and harm caused to species through disturbance, habitat loss and collision is well documented. Has any survey been carried out in the area in respect of this?

c) Water Pollution: Run off may contain harmful chemical sediment. There may be contamination of local surrounding water sources / wells.

d) Waste Generation: Due to the nature of concrete the generation of waste in the future will be significant as it is difficult to recycle or dispose of responsibly. Many retired wind turbine blades end up in landfill as they are made of fiberglass.

e) Safety Concerns: Safety cannot be guaranteed. It has been shown worldwide that these large turbines are not safe and can be destroyed by high wind thus damaging anything in their path. (see reports marked C & D)

**6. Noise Pollution and Disturbance:** Following the recent court cases relating to a wind farms it has at last been acknowledged that noise pollution and disturbance is real.

a) On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 a judge ruled against Meenacloghspar (Wind) Limited in relation to noise and disturbance. The noise was found to constitute a substantial interference in the plaintiffs' enjoyment of their homes with the significant impact that the noise disturbance had on the plaintiffs, including sleep deprivation, anxiety, and a range of impacts on the quality of life.

b) Last month, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025, a judgement was made in the High Court against the operator ABO Energy Ireland Ltd and ABO Energy O&M Ireland Ltd. The judge ruled that "the couple were entitled to orders fully shutting down three of the six wind turbines at the Gibbett Hill Wind Farm near Bunclody, Co.Wexford, to costs and to damages over the turbines' adverse impact on them."

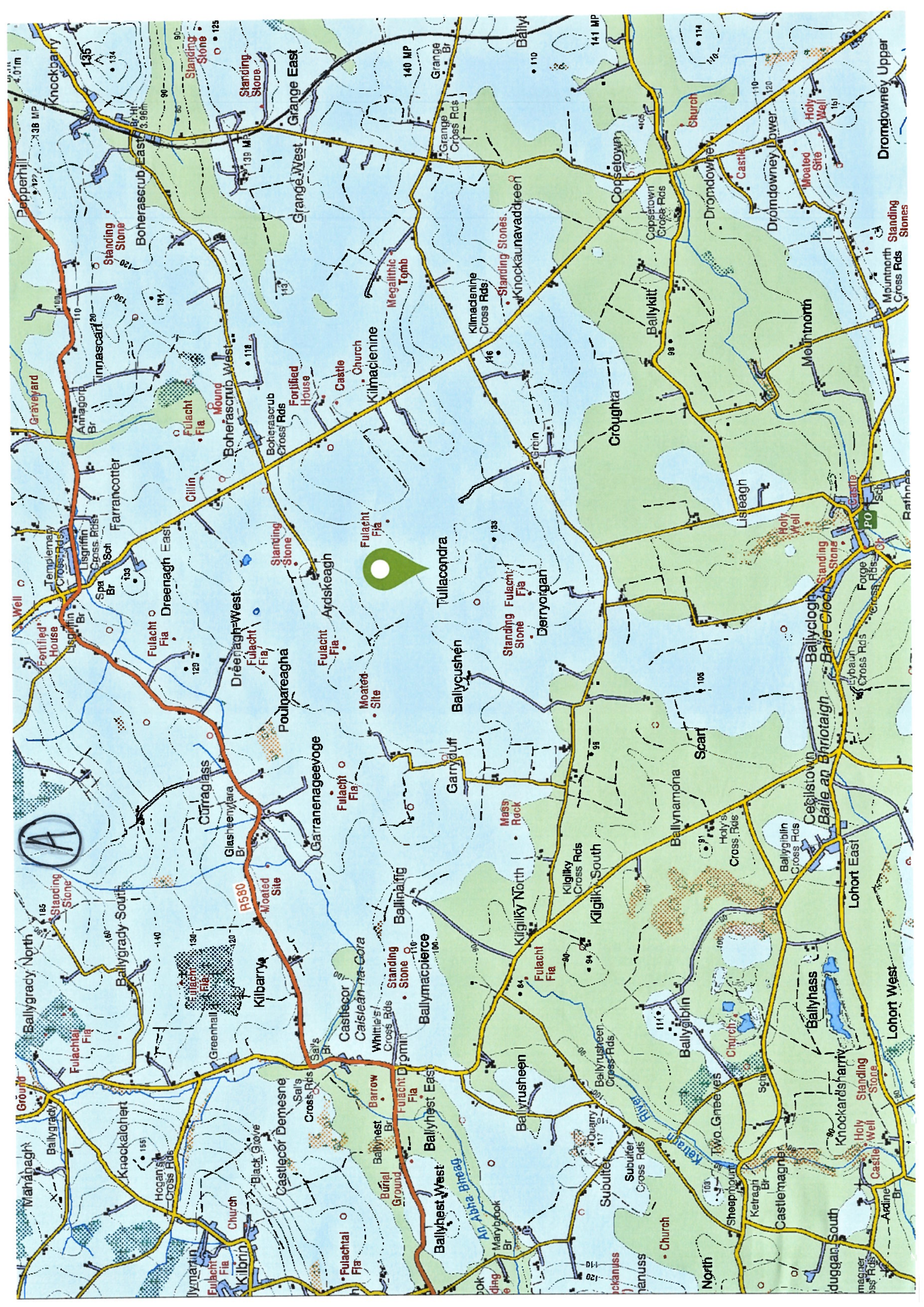
**7. Visual Impact:** I have concerns regarding the proposed height of the wind turbines. The proposed wind farm given its prominent location in the rural landscape makes it a potential eyesore.

Based on the above, I trust my concerns will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being reached on this planning application.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Agnes Brick. 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 .  
Mrs. Agnes Brick.  
051- 871197.

Please also find attached a cheque for €50  
as required towards this submission.



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Aerial View of Grannagh Roundabout  
N25 Waterford.



**CAROLINE SPENCER**

The N25 Eastbound carriageway from Grannagh Junction to Luffany Roundabout near Waterford will be closed to traffic between 8pm and midnight on Sunday, July 28, in order to facilitate wide load movements, namely wind turbine blades.

Traffic will be diverted from Grannagh Junction via Ferrybank to Slieverue Roundabout and Luffany Roundabout.

In Waterford, Baileys New Street will be closed on Saturday, July 27, from 5am to 7am.

2024

- On Saturday, July 13, a Vineyard Wind turbine blade suffered significant damage 15 miles southwest of Nantucket
- Since then, thousands of pieces of fiberglass shards and green and white foam have washed up on south coast Nantucket beaches
- The debris has forced swimming closures and affected local businesses, as concerns persist about environmental and economic impacts
- The event caused federal officials from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to issue a suspension order for Vineyard Wind, until the cause of the damage could be determined
- Nantucket town officials told the Nantucket Current that they first learned about the damage at 5:00 p.m. on Monday. The fact that the blade was damaged but news did not come out immediately has created anger among Nantucket residents, particularly boaters
- During a Nantucket Select Board meeting on Wednesday night, town officials and locals expressed outrage to representatives for Vineyard Wind and General Electric, the builder and installer of the blade, over the impacts on the environment and local businesses



2025

A photo of a stricken Vestas V117-4.2MW wind turbine at the wind farm in Norway. Photo: Aneo

Cosmo Sanderson  
Journalist

Published 17 March 2025, 11:55

A Vestas wind turbine has suffered damage to two blades at a wind farm in Norway, the second such incident in a matter of months, forcing the site offline.

Two blades on a Vestas V117-4.2MW machine broke on Saturday at the 130MW Sormarkfjellet wind farm operated by Norwegian utility Aneo.



