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Appeal NO: ABP 322787-25

Defer Re O/H

TO: SEO

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 03/07/29
from

Fiona & William Fitzgerald 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

E.O.: Dennis W. Call

Date: 06/08/29

For further consideration by SEO/SAO

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

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

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Date: _____

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

to: _____ Task No: _____

Allow 2/3/4weeks – BP _____

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CORRESPONDENCE FORM

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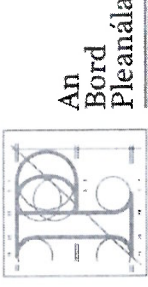
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Amendments/Comments <u>observation received from Fiona & William Fitzgerald</u>

4. Attach to file (a) R/S <input type="checkbox"/> (d) Screening <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) GIS Processing <input type="checkbox"/> (e) Inspectorate <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Processing <input type="checkbox"/>	RETURN TO EO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Lodgement Cover Sheet - LDG-081143-25



An Bord Pleanála

Details

Lodgement Date	03/07/2025
Customer	Fiona and William Fitzgerald
Lodgement Channel	In Person
Lodgement by Agent	No
Agent Name	
Correspondence Primarily Sent to	
Registered Post Reference	

Lodgement ID	LDG-081143-25
Map ID	
Created By	Pádraic Keane
Physical Items included	No
Generate Acknowledgement Letter	
Customer Ref. No.	
PA Reg Ref	

Categorisation

Lodgement Type	Observation / Submission
Section	Processing

PA Name	Cork County Council
Case Type (3rd Level Category)	

Fee and Payments

Specified Body	No
Oral Hearing	No
Fee Calculation Method	System
Currency	Euro
Fee Paid	50.00
Refund Amount	

Observation/Objection Allowed?	
Payment	PMT-063668-25
Related Payment Details Record	PD-063507-25

Observation

Run at: 03/07/2025 13:57

Run by: Pádraic Keane

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PA Case Number	
PA Decision Date	
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Development Type	
Development Address	
Appellant	
Supporting Argument	

Development Description	
Applicant	
Additional Supporting Items	

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(PK)

Fiona & William
Fitzgerald,
Ardskeagh,
Buttevant,
Co.Cork.
01/07/2025

An Bord Pleanála Case reference no: 322787

Planning application reference Cork County Council no : 24/5503

Applicant : Tullacondra Green Energy Limited

Description of development: 9 x 175 m wind turbines, 100 m metrological mast , all associated works and including cable route.

Dear sir / madame.

We send this observation re above named development and out- line reasons as to why we object to it . We also enclose a copy of our objections lodged with Cork County Council dated 09/09/2024 and receipts of same.

1. Cork County Council. (CCC) I visited Cork county hall the 2nd of July 2024 in person, the planning notices went up the 28/06/ 2024. I requested in writing a number of documents to be sent to me in writing , I never received same. Much of the file was not scanned up online for ten days . How could the planners in Cork County Council not question 2006 guidelines for turbines , given that 19 years later this technology has advanced and turbines are now huge ? How is this best practise ? How could all of our county be open to consideration by the County Development plan , How is this determined ? BY what process ? By what rationale ? Also re CCC we (the objectors) were never given an opportunity to comment on the 24 RFI s , a date came up initially but was removed, (see same attached) also all RFI s are based on Dept of Housing , Local government and Heritage submission , were the over 240 submissions even considered or read ? CCC outlined 71 conditions for permission. It is apparent most of the conditions are self monitored by Tullacondra, which is view of such a development is not appropriate, also who will over see the bond of 2 million to CCC. Please consider these points for a refusal of above development.
2. Lack of public engagement. Whilst on the developers file/ planning it looks great re informing the public, it certainly lacks. Is 1 meeting enough ? Is calling to a handful of houses enough ? Promises of visuals from our houses from a greensource agent , yet to materialise . Our landscape to be destroyed by 9 turbines. A” turbine tour “ in limerick of turbines much smaller in scale. The community is in turmoil here. Its pitted locals and the the landowners of the 3 purposed farms against one another. This needs to stop. Please consider these reasons to refuse above named development.
3. Proven devaluation of property and farm land. Up to 35 % . This cluster of 9 turbines is very tight and given the lay of the land they will be seen for many miles. For ourselves we are approx 700m from turbines and given the fall of the ground they will tower over

us, not only devaluing our home and land but also decimating our bloodstock breeding business. We were never consulted or acknowledged on plans or otherwise as breeders by said developers. There are many studies on infertility of equines and congenital defects such as flexural deformation in foals such as University of Lisbon study on same. I refer to Carol Nolan equine expert Cork County Council who refused above development, but her evaluation was ignored. On this basis please refuse permission.

4. The recent landmark high court case of Byrne and Moorehead (2025), it details the noise, shadow, flicker and nuisance from ABO energy ltd turbines, this case was won by the long suffering Moore and Byrne. Ireland is going through a housing crisis and it will worsen more if locals in Lisgriffen / Buttevant / Ballyclough can no longer live in homes due to ever increasing evidence of noise, thump, flicker, infra-noise from wind turbines. Greensource EIAR have the picture removed for base monitor no3(BN3), House 72, that is mine and Williams home, I (Fiona) was told by their agent that it was a wildlife monitor, its outlined in my CCC objection(point no 12), If I had known the known it was for sound, I would have never agreed. I question the value of this data, as it was obtained by this manner. This is very serious. We requested the picture being removed, we regret not requesting the data also being removed. The equipment used at house no 72 is being called into question in the community appeal, As not monitoring night time noise or lack thereof correctly. Please take these points on board and refuse.
5. RFI point 2 re karst features. Tullacondra says area suitable, however the area is full of sink holes / slogaides. The amount of surveying done is minimal. There is a well on our property. No survey was done. There is a large pond next to our land no survey done. This pond has never been mentioned re maps or ecology, it's a hot spot for all wildlife, birds and insects, winter and summer wild visitors just omitted by above company. The risk of pollution to water supply / wells / drains / streams / rivers / aquatic life such as fresh water pearl mussel / trout / salmon / lampreys / crayfish / european eel etc is huge. Aqua geo services have a report for the group submission date 16/05/ 2025, note iv. 4" Tullacondra EIAR is deemed as not meeting environmental due diligence. Please refuse permission.
6. RFI point 3. Otter Survey by Tullacondra denies otter life, however photographic evidence obtained by locals of otters can be seen. RFI point 4 Bat surveys requested by CCC. Tullacondra cites typographical error for spring surveys and suddenly they appear in revised RFI. Tullacondra claim turbines no significant risk to bats, however they claim the turbines are a risk to nothing! Tullacondra asked for a survey on railway bridge on Ballyvinter road, Tullacondra say inadvertently omitted. There is a pattern forming. Tullacondra say no roost so need for derogation licence from national parks and wildlife service. (see Bats in our yard on usb)
RFI 5 re birds. CCC requested static surveys not conducted in spring, Tullacondra says typographical omission. Also claims no need for nocturnal surveys, Tullacondra also claims low level of flight corridor and did not identify as a bird flyway. (please see picture in usb of whooper swans) Claims only 2 flight observation of whooper swans.

note from EIAR the hours of surveying are so limited 6 hours a month, it questions the integrity of the ecology surveying. Many birds / ducks are seen flying often though aforementioned site. Tullacondra claims no important nocturnal birds. Not true, barn owls are in the area (surveyed in Ballyclough by birdwatch Ireland) and short eared owls. (see video on USB) The amount of small birds ? red listed ? amber birds surveyed is very limited see EIAR . (see USB many swallows & house martins at our yard) For example we have many snipe, (see USB Video of our field) yellow hammer, (see USB video ,our back yard) Kestrel , grey wagtail & peregrine falcons all mentioned in my CCC objection. Hen harriers are seen in Curraglass by T1. There is little or no mention of insects worms same re native mammals ie shrew, hare, hedgehog, badger, stouts and so on, they deny aquatic life ie newts frogs etc.

A hedge is identified to be knocked that has red tailed bees living there and they say little significance . Regarding 5 d CCC says enhancing said pond will entice birds near T1 , Tullacondra deny same. Point 5 c re lack of transects Tullacondra claim done however no permission got from said farm yards identified as transect points, including our yard.

Tullacondra EIAR report of types and numbers of birds is played down. Enclosed is amber and red listed birds, enclosed is a lifelist of birds I have identified myself and by merlin app. I document accordingly with Biodiversity Ireland.

Pascal Sweeney aquatic ecology report page 7 & 8 says locations of surveys for freshwater pearl mussels fish and crayfish methods used are not suitable , also specifics of locations , photographic evidence all lacking by Tullacondra. On this basis please refuse permission.

RFI 6 The knocking of a historic townland boundary north of T2 to connect to T1 10- 12 metres, identified by CCC loss of habitat and history. Tullacondra claims hedgerow high significance and in the next says minor negative impact on local ecology. The contradictions continue. This is fact . Tullacondra did no further scoping to reduce to reduce permanent impact on the boundary even though requested by CCC. This is a part of local heritage & ecology. See map of local heritage sites.

RFI 8 no consents obtained from landowners re habitat enhancement. Please refuse permission.

7. There are many derelict houses not taken into account still even though we are in a housing crisis, It is an objective of Cork County Development plan 2022. Please refer to RFI no 9. It is noted there are many derelict houses not included by Tullacondra. Please refuse permission.

Tullacondra asked by CCC for consents of land owners on potential delivery road/ route , Tullacondra says no need even though requested as RFI 16.

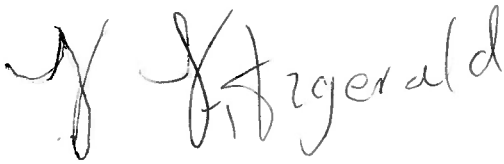
8. The road network. The amount of heavy vehicles and loads is accounted for in the plan. I.e concrete is 1595 loads and turbine delivery 55 abnormal wide loads, It poses a huge health and safety issue. What about the residents that live right next to the road ?The conditions outlined by CCC are tick box such as condition no 45 . dust on footpath ?? Please refuse permission.

9. Aviation, The site is on the flight path Cork to Shannon , vice versa. Also rescue helicopters including Rathcoole. Please refuse permission.
10. Many if not all three farms would had being in environmental schemes with dept of agriculture ie reps , set aside , glas and so on. Much monies would had being received by the land owners , so to come along and decimate many ecosystems ?? please refuse permission.
11. Effect to our bovine and ovine business. Risk of tb heightened significantly from disturbing already fragile wildlife and ground. Risk of infertility. Risk of loss of ground due to increased prime land such as above named development being lost to renewable energy. Our national herd is contracting at an alarming rate : According to the farmers journal 23/4/2025 "there are 290,000 fewer cattle on Irish farms on 1/3/2025 compared to 1/3/2024, the third year in a row cattle numbers have fallen." The 2023 census showed the national sheep flock has reduced by 290,000. The risk of less home breed food is a reality. On these points refuse permission.

WE ask you refuse permission of above named development .

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Fitzgerald

William Fitzgerald



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10/09/2024

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- Upgrade of existing site tracks and construction of new site tracks and associated drainage.
- Access from the local road L5302 at Crought, Ballyclogh including a new site entrance for the construction phase and upgrading of an existing entrance for the operational phase.
- An on-site 38 kilovolt electrical substation to Electricity Supply Board Networks specification to include control building with electrical infrastructure, welfare facilities supplied by rainwater harvesting and storage tank, a wastewater holding tank with high level alarm, car parking, security fencing and lighting, and all associated infrastructure, services, and site works including a temporary construction compound.
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines to the proposed electrical substation.
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FOR: Permission

PLANNING REGISTRATION NO: 24/05503

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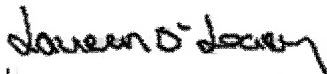
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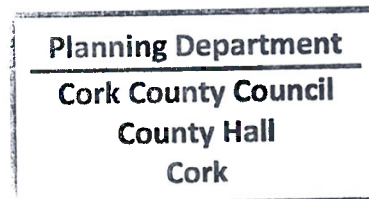
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Lauren O'Leary

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Date: 10/09/2024

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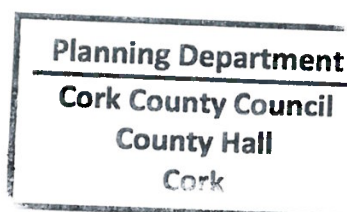
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Decision

Appeal

Planning Application: 245503 (Cork County Council)

File Number:	245503		
Application Type:	PERMISSION	Planning Status:	NEW APPLICATION
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Validated Date:	16/08/2024	Invalidated Date:	
Further Info Requested:		Further Info Received:	
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Commenced Date:		Submissions By:	01/05/2025
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Graylag Goose

Canada Goose

Goosander

Mallard

Green-winged Teal

Eurasian Cystercatcher

Little ringed Plover

Snaipe

Greenshank

Little Egret

Water-rail

Moorhen

Coat

Pheasant

Dove (Stock)

Wood Pigeon

Bullard

Collared Dove

Kestrel

Seyft

Swallow

House-Martin

Langfisher

Woodpecker

Magpie

Jackdaw

Rook

Jay

Hooded crow

Robin

Stone-chat

Nistle-thrush

Song-thrush

Redwing

Black-bird

Fieldfare

Pinnock

long, billed tit

blue tit

great tit

Coal tit

(3)

Tree-creeper
Wren
Grasshopper warbler
Blackcap
Chuff chaff
Goldcrest
white wagtail
grey wagtail
Meadow pipit
Skylark
Yellowhammer
House sparrow
Chaffinch
Goldfinch
bulfinch
Greenfinch.
dunn
Crossbill
Siskin
Sparling
Peregrine falcon
Barn Owl
Short eared owl

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Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland 2020-2026

Amber-list species (medium conservation concern)

Breeding

Goosander
Garganey
Spotted Crane
European Storm-petrel
Fulmar
Manx Shearwater
Gannet
Shag
Little Ringed Plover
Common Sandpiper
Mediterranean Gull
Little Tern
Roseate Tern
Common Tern
Arctic Tern
Sandwich Tern
Great Skua
Black Guillemot
Common Guillemot
Short-eared Owl
Marsh Harrier
Hen Harrier
Goshawk
Kingfisher
Merlin
Chough
Skylark
Bearded Reedling
House Martin

Breeding continued

Swallow
Sand Martin
Willow Warbler
Starling
Spotted Flycatcher
Northern Wheatear
Goldcrest
House Sparrow
Tree Sparrow
Greenfinch
Linnet
Pied Flycatcher
Western Yellow Wagtail

Passage

Cory's Shearwater
Ruff
Spotted Redshank
Wood Sandpiper
Little Gull
Black Tern
Wryneck
Tree Pipit

Wintering

Brent Goose
Barnacle Goose
Greylag Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose

Wintering continued

Smew
Pintail
Black-throated Diver
Great Northern Diver
Bittern
Turnstone
Brambling

Breeding and Wintering

Mute Swan
Whooper Swan
Red-breasted Merganser
Shelduck
Tufted Duck
Gadwall
Wigeon
Mallard
Teal
Great Crested Grebe
Coot
Red-throated Diver
Cormorant
Ringed Plover
Black-headed Gull
Common Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
European Herring Gull



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Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland 2020-2026

Red-list species (high conservation concern)

Breeding

Quail
Grey Partridge
Red Grouse
Black-necked Grebe
Stock Dove
Nightjar
Swift
Corncrake
Leach's Storm-petrel
Woodcock
Red-necked Phalarope
Kittiwake
Puffin
Razorbill
Barn Owl
Golden Eagle
White-tailed Eagle
Red Kite
Kestrel
Wood Warbler

Breeding continued

Ring Ouzel
Common Redstart
Whinchat
Meadow Pipit
Grey Wagtail
Twite
Yellowhammer

Passage

Turtle Dove
Balearic Shearwater
Curlew Sandpiper

Wintering

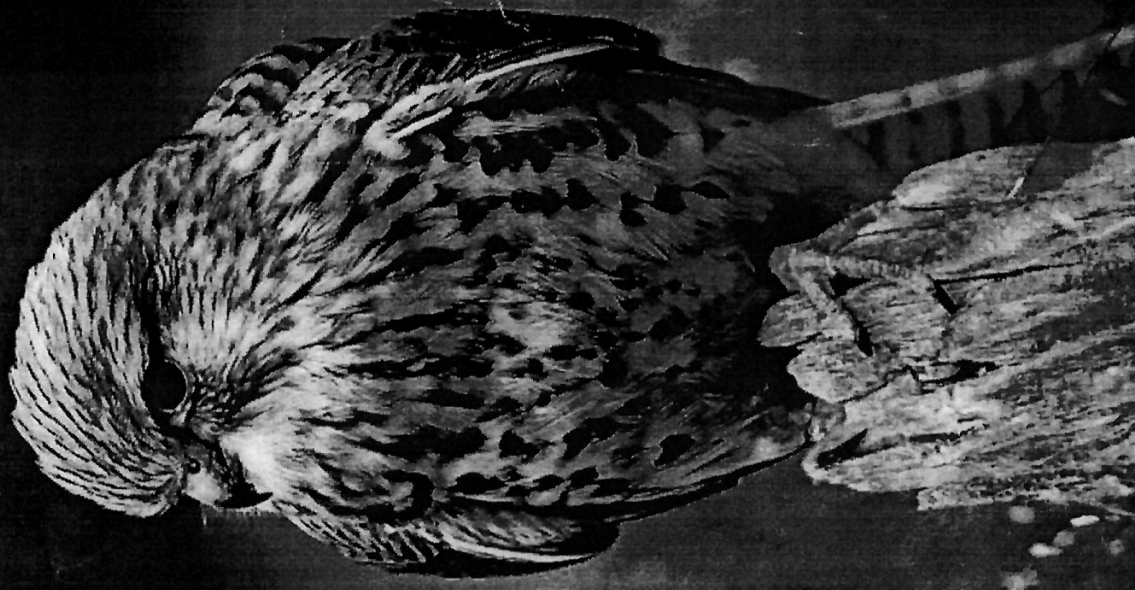
Bewick's Swan
Long-tailed Duck
Velvet Scoter
Goldeneye
Scaup
Slavonian Grebe

Wintering continued

Grey Plover
Bar-tailed Godwit
Black-tailed Godwit
Knot
Purple Sandpiper
Snowy Owl
Redwing

Breeding and Wintering

Eider
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Dunlin
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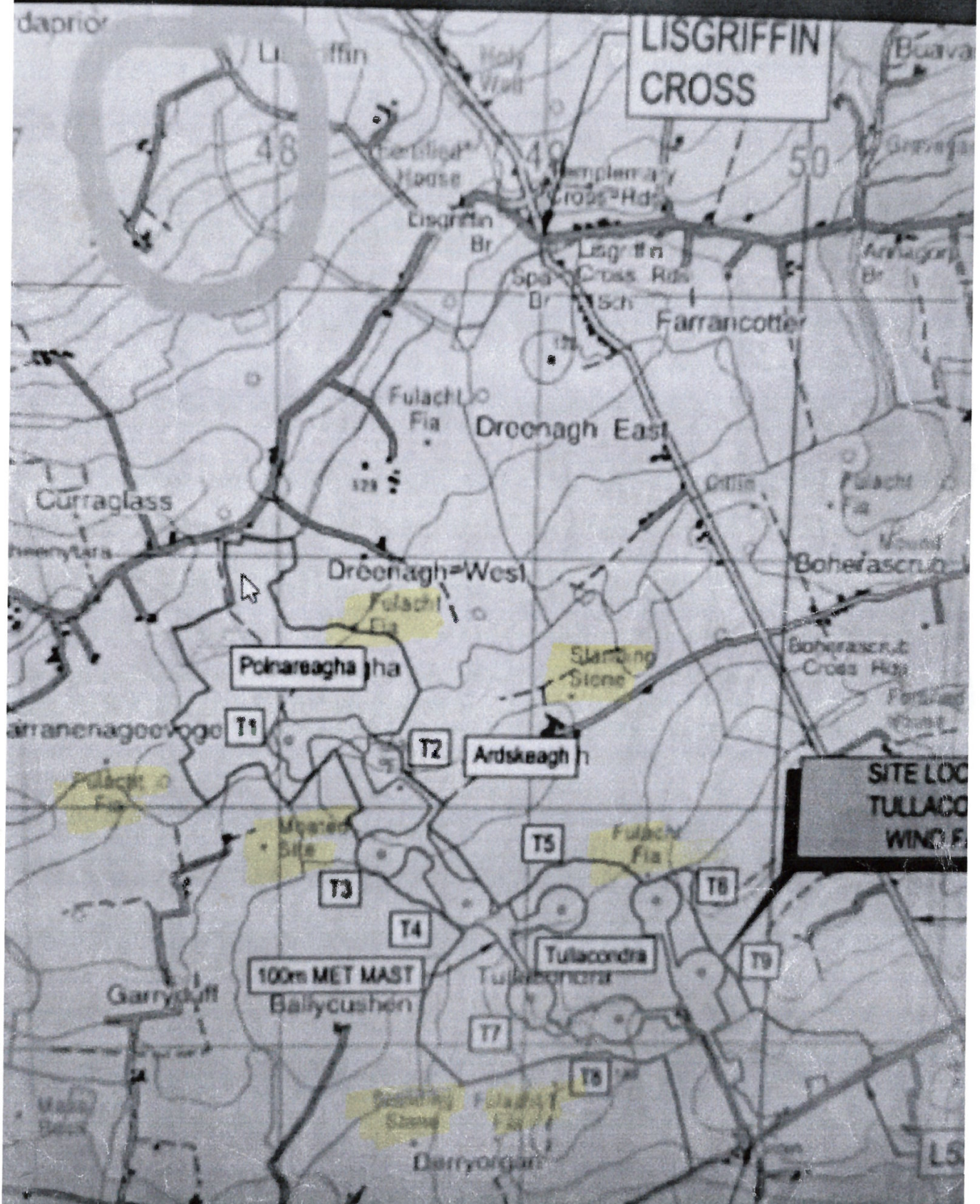
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(including historic
Archaeological boundary)

Submit



Cork County Council,

Planning section,

County Hall.

Fiona Fitzgerald,

Ardskeagh,

Buttevant,

Co.Cork.

28/08/2024

Planning Application reference no:24/5503

Applicant : Tullacondra Green Energy limited.

Description of development: 9 x 175m wind turbines, 100m metrological mast, all associated works and including cable route.

Dear sir/madame.

I object to the above named planning for the following reasons.

1.This is a beautiful countryside area. The above named structures will destroy the gorgeous views and our landscape. I love where we live its so scenic and peaceful. Where we live the turbines will tower over us. According to the applicants maps our house is 1km from the turbines. I question this as being a lot closer. Also where T1 T2 T3 T4 will be situated beside our residence and land, the pitch of that land is much higher then our land and residence , thus making then much higher in reality. I enclose a picture comparing these 175m turbines compared to the city hall. How can this be allowed to happen ?

2.Lack of public engagement/dissemination of information. There was only one public information evening Dated 8/2/2023 in springfort Hall. I attended same with my husband. We spent 2 hours there, asking questions and looking at maps (our house was not on any maps !).There was be a computer visualisation available on the night to see what you would see re turbines from your property, needless it was not there on the night. There was a form to sign if you wanted to go on a wind turbine later date. My husband went .The 1 turbine he saw was smaller then purposed turbines in area and also in an isolated area unlike purposed turbines beside our property. I took it upon self to visit wind farm in Kerry myself. I have nothing but fear since. People had to leave their homes, people left living there face a daily reality of noise flicker and the huge turbines.

Also I add the amount of people in our community and on the cable route that were not informed of the above development is very alarming . How is this acceptable which such a large development with such long lasting effects on our community.

3. Health implications of above named development. a) Psychological effects. This has began for me since news broke on the turbines. The loss of sleep and the anxiety due to the impending turbines and the chaos that will ensue. It has caused terrible friction for me and my husband as we live next door to one of the farms involved , it has strained relations between us and my neighbours that own the farm . This has caused us a lot of stress. There is no doubt that these wind farms divide communities. I m witnessing it first hand and unfortunately for me living with it on daily basis.

B) The noise from the turbines. There is much documentation re" the sound ", " The thump" ", the swish" from turbines. Of which the human brain is unable register, as it is totally unnatural. The effects of which are headaches/ tinnitus / disturbed sleep / anxiety /. It affects Adults & children whom have adhd, hearing issues, autism, dementia and so on . Life changing Issues for residents with pacemakers and hearing aids.

c) Flicker / Shadow . Our property will be adjacent to T1 T2 T3 T4. They will tower over our property. Flicker and noise will be severe for us. I highly dispute the hours of same given by the wind company , yet another tick box exercise. Also these turbines will have red lights on top for air traffic at night .This area is in the flight path of Cork to Shannon, it is busy all the time with air traffic, These flicking lights will cause further nuisance.

D) Excretion of microplastics into the atmosphere from the rotars of the turbines over their lifetime. Surely with all above effects to us the residents(the applicant calls us sensory receptors, we the local people are not even worthy of being called people) of this gorgeous rural residential country side this purposed windfarm is completely unsuitable .

4. Forced devaluation of our land and residence. This could potentially be up to 35%. Devastating for us personally, working very hard to build our business and pay a mortgage.

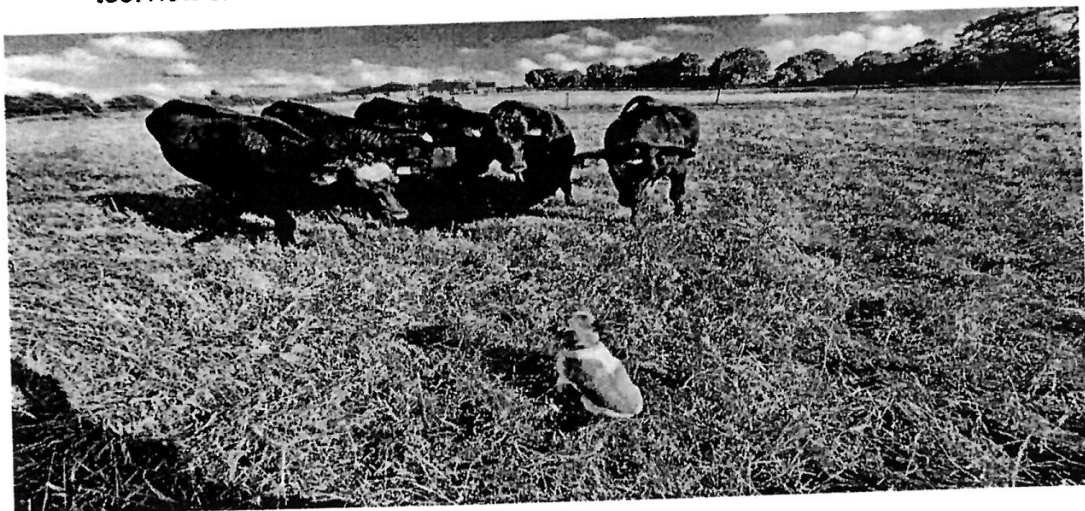
5.Our Bloodstock business. My husband and I have worked for many years to build up our bloodstock business. We breed national hunt thoroughbreds. We are proud of our stock and they lack for nothing. It is a fragile business , delivering foals , caring for our mares and young stock. The purposed wind farm will decimate same, Equines are not designed to live beside such monster structures and all their associated side effects. They are delicate animals . It will effect their well - being fertility and happiness. Also these monsters of turbines will really frighten them. I know this as I am around horses all my life. It makes me so fearful for our future in breeding. See picture 1 , one of our broodmares and her foal this summer.





Picture 2. Myself and one of our young stock.

6)Our livestock business. Like the horses. The cattle will also be severely impacted by the purposed farm, for all the above reasons and adding to that once the badgers are displaced in the 3 farms beside us involved in the purposed wind farm... have no doubt TB cases will sky rocket. This in turn will decimate myself and all the cattle farmers in the large surrounding area. Like our horses, I am very proud of our beef finishing farming that myself and my husband have spent years investing and building up. Unfortunately this hangs in the balance too. How can this be allowed to happen in prime agricultural lands???



7) Water disruption to under water rivers /networks, ponds, drains, streams and rivers due to all the works associated with purposed wind farm. It will pollute water in all surrounding areas (and be carried on eventually to the river Blackwater) and adversely affect our water quality. We have our own well and the realisation of such pollution is frightening and yet another threat to own and out stocks health.

8) Archaeological Heritage. Our area is very rich in same. Do we as a country not have a duty of care to protect our heritage ? A) T2 is actually purposed to be constructed right on top of a fulacht fia. B) T3 is being constructed by a moated site. T6 is by a fulacht fia. (See map enclosed no 1) I note in the wind farm site there are fulacht fias ,standing stones ,ring forts ,lime kilns and a mass rock. The area of Lisgriffen and Ballyclough is rich in archaeological structures. These purposed works will disturb or for sure destroy them. On the purposed cable route and turbine route the destruction continues with ring forts and historical bridges such as Grange bridge outlined and airmarked by the wind company . How this be allowed to happen ???

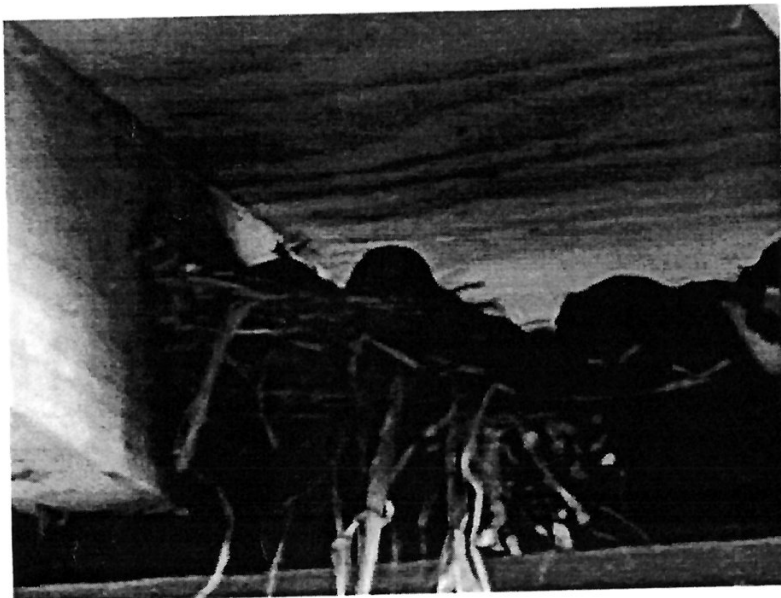
9)The destruction of habitats and ecosystems. A) Disturbance to the ground and under water and ground rivers and networks from the moving of thousands of loads of earth concrete and so on. This will be the case in the purposed wind turbine site, the cable route, the turbine delivery route and all our local road networks. Such huge disturbance will pollute our water networks. (leading on to river Blackwater which will pollute already fragile ecosystems such as fresh water pearls), Decimate habitats . Displace and kill wildlife. b)Knocking of hedgerows and trees. There has already being a hedgerow knocked on L1319 widening the road in preparation for turbine delivery .Knocking such habitats on the purposed site and routes will decimate untold amount of insects earthworms invertebrates micro bacteria bats mammals(ie native shrew, hedgehog and hare) birds and native flowers(for example common orchids/ladies smock/Devils bit.) For example Red tailed and miner bee identified living in a hedge row to be destroyed in the purposed site. Both are on the red list of Bee's Ireland. Their EIAR report says significance at a local level . direct long term slight. How could they even come to that conclusion ?? "30% of Irish bee species are threatened to extinction" (National Biodiversity Data Centre 2024) . Applicant says they will replant hedges, Do they know how it takes years for hedges to grow and be a suitable habitat again, if ever ?? Yet another tick box exercise.

Red Tailed bee pictured on a thistle pictured this summer .



A Bats roost has being identified in a old yard to be used for storage on the purposed wind farm. Bats are a protected species . Also this wind farm and surrounding farms are rich in many species of bats be it foraging, roosts and flight paths. These monster turbines will destroy our bat population. All I have to do is go out my back door at dusk/ driving at night and the bats are flying around . It is obvious the ecological report is done to suit the wind farm planning and I contest there are many breeds of bat in our area. As regards birds of prey we have many. This is home to many and we can wave good- bye to such birds if the turbines go ahead. I ve seen many barn owls(red list) , long eared owls, buzzards, hen harrier(many times by curraglass which is right beside T1 , which is beside a massive native woodland.. will this be a victim also of the turbines?), kestrels (red List),(See attached birds of conservation in Ireland 2020-2026 red list species) sparrowhawks Peregrine Falcons and merlins. The kestrels are a personal favourite they perch on the esb poles by our property and look down at me !! The buzzards are screeching by my home all the time... they have nests on ash trees by us and inhabit a ring fort beside our land. There are many many many small birds native and visiting snipe, linnets, fly catchers ,meadow pippets , yellowhammers"yellowhammer population has declined almost 60% in Ireland over the past 20 years"(Irish Times 2024) , grey wagtail, Lapwing, Redwing and Swift (all Redlist see attached) also goldfinches house sparrow s, wood sparrows jay, starlings (protected) coal, long tailed, blue and great tit, Chaf- Finches , rooks , stone chat , bull finches, robins , wrens, Siskins, gold crests, pied wagtails swallows housemartins and blackbirds, Chiff Chaffs to name but a few. (amber list , see attached) All these birds in our land, I look forward to the swallows and house-martins return every year which are rapidly declining . The turbines will decimate our feathered population. (see attached picture) .

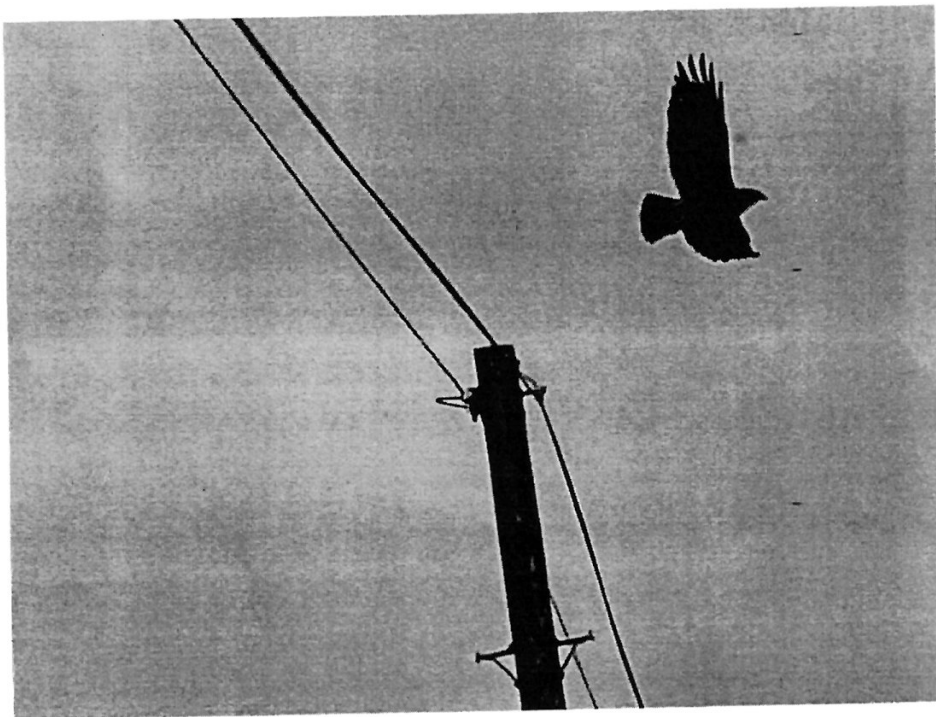
Baby Swallows in our barn.





Picture above starlings on our roof.

Buzzard in flight on the road into Ardskeagh (Picture below)



Knotweed identified on cable and turbine route and Windfarm site. This takes years to eradicate correctly, to do properly as it will take held very quick and destroy present ecosystems. How do Greensource plan to same in such a short time frame ??

C) Flight Path / Collision / Fatalities. We are in a direct flight path of native and migratory birds. I often witness geese /whooper swans /Mallards to name but a few flying through our place which is bounding farm that has will host T2 T3 T4.(The height of these turbines is beyond belief .Refer to picture of 175m turbine beside city hall.)They also land and forage in a 2 ponds bounding our property , these ponds are by T1 And T2. The Eiar report is very limited and should be over at least a few years to reflect all species and take into account all areas outside of the purposed site. Obviously the 3 x farms is a large site so will be a flight path of many native and visiting birds, bees bugs and bats thus will lead to many ,many victims. How is this ok ?? Birdwatch Ireland(Feb 2015) has a guidance document re bird sensitivity mapping, it advises situating wind farms away from in flight corridors , by roosts, by foraging grounds. The impact on birds outlined in the report is disturbance / collision/death /habitat loss& damage & barrier effects. Said purposed wind farm has all these factors. I also add at the "information evening" I asked an ecologist re the amount of red listed birds and the impending deaths of so many creatures. she waffled on about carcass surveying ! and planting wild flowers !! clearly nature is not the priority but profit is.

Our wildlife WILL be a major casualty. By the Greensource map a very large pond is missing by T7& T8 (it says scrub) ! Also the survey denies newts frogs and aquatic life . This needs to be investigated. This is very worrying that such surveys are tailored to the wind company. There are a number of ponds on the site . There is a stream going through the windfarm also I don't see it in the maps or mentioned re aquatic life. All our water life needs to be protected. I also add and include the amber list of birds , many of which are fast heading for the red list , wind farms accelerate this unfortunately.

10) The thousands of lorries due to travel our locality. I am not an expert but our local roads were not constructed to carry such traffic. It will be dangerous to drive, to go walking running and cycling . For me personally horse-riding will be too dangerous. Many of our local roads 2 cars can barely fit as it is. For many of our local community their homes are by the road and they fear for their homes and their safety. Also all the traffic will lead to even more pollution.

11) Agricultural eco schemes. Some if not all involved landowners would had being involved with Department of agricultural schemes over the years ie set aside/ reps / glas , Much monies would had being received to part take in these environmental schemes... to then come along and decimate nature... how can this be allowed to happen ????

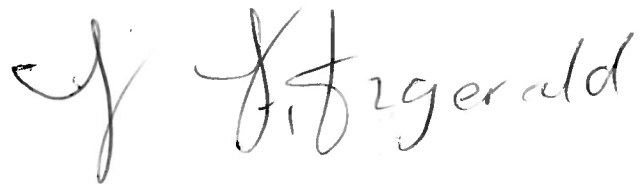
12) I disclose that a member of the wind farm company asked me to put up a wildlife noise monitor which for I agreed , as I knew we had an abundance of wildlife and I felt it would deter turbines in the area. Subsequently when I went to view the wind farm plans in Cork County Hall , To my absolute horror in the noise survey , there is picture of my house ! I sent a letter to the applicant to remove same as I never gave permission, the picture was removed but the data remained , which I am very aggrieved about. / This publishing of the picture my home/ our house number according to the applicants "receptor list" has and continues to cause me huge stress , it implies I support the turbines. I wish to include this information as I firmly believe this company will do anything to get these wind turbines up and going.

On a personal note my husband has hearing problems, I really worry for him as this wind farm will have profound effects for him going forward. My three dogs will also be affected adversely , dogs have heightened hearing and wind turbines will affect them to no end.

Thank you for reading my reasons for objecting to Tullacondra wind farm.

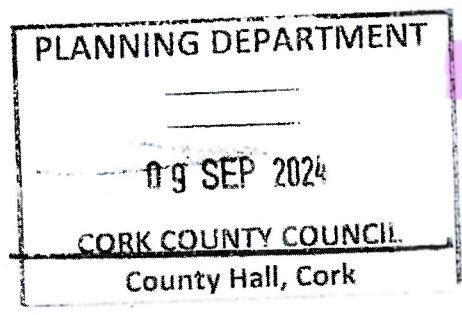
Your Sincerely.

Fiona Fitzgerald

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fiona Fitzgerald". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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Cork County Council
Planning department
County Hall
Cork



William Fitzgerald
Ardskeagh Buttevant
Co Cork
8/9/2024

Planning reference no: 245503

Applicant: Tullacondra Green Energy Ltd.

Description of development: 9 x 175m wind turbines, 100m metrological mast, all associated works and including cable route.

Dear sir/madame

I object to the above named and planning for following reasons.

MY LOCATION

I am living in Ardskeagh with my wife for past 8 years. Location house no. 72 on the map.

We purchased our house and lands where we now farm our cattle sheep and breed our thoroughbred broodmares here. We are situated only 3 fields away from the turbines. We will see the turbines from every window front and back of our home. We work long hard hours out in our yard where the turbines will also be affecting us with the view noise and shadow flicker upon us all the time. The turbines are to be located south, southwest and west. Where the prevailing winds mostly come from, and where the sun shines from majority of the day. This is why it will affect us for the rest of our lives. We have a beautiful scenic unspoilt countryside. With mature trees and ditches along with all our wildlife which we adore and take pride in. These turbines will take this away this forevermore.

PHOTO 1. Shows my the size of my house beneath the turbine.

ENVIRONMENT:

I oppose to the turbines bordering me outside my home. It will be environmentally degrading and the construction of the of the turbines with destroy our habitats and surrounding habitats. Our biodiversity and eco systems will be irreversible. While the turbines are operating it will continue to deteriorate which will lead to the extinction all types of wildlife in our area. It is vital we protect our natural wildlife areas and do not interfere with them or everything will be missed forever.

We have so much to offer to our wildlife in the area with marsh ponds mature trees coverts ringforts, these are all located within our farming practices beef sheep dairy and equine thoroughbred breeding, these are the homes of all our wild species plants and animals.

It is our duty to respect and protect and conserve our environment for them. And not to locate turbines between them. I have taken part in Department of Agriculture schemes e.g REPS, GLAS, ACRES where we implemented bird bat and owl boxes. We grow bird cover crops for birds to feed and nest we have low input permanent pastures where wild flowers can grow for other species and pollinators and insects are protected.

They are closed quarries, old castles, fairy forts, streams, ponds and woodlands in our area which also gives wildlife chance to breed. These are all quiet peaceful areas where I have seen many birds fly over in an out of their breeding and hunting and feeding grounds.

I have seen our owls at night on our lands where we have our owl boxes located. We witnessed juvenile owl recently calling and videoed them. I love hearing the snoring chicks in the summertime when they are breeding.

I have seen swans ducks mallards that all fly over our lands to TULLACONDRA DRINAGH ARDSKEAGH POULNAREAGH BALLYCUSHION where their resting and breeding habitats are.

We witness all types of birds in summer and wintertime so many to name swallows house martin, snipe, curlew, buzzards kestrel many more that are on endangered lists.

They are three operating quarries very close within six or seven kilometres of each other at Lisgriffin, Scart Ballyclogh, and Ballyhest castlecor, its bothers me to think how they should allow to have any wind turbine development be allowed between them to respect the people and wildlife that live in the close vicinity of them.

This area is lowline fertile agricultural land. With high agricultural value. With some best farming practices and with all types of wildlife in the area. It concerns me to think why is this area is open to consideration in the county development plan. This location for the turbines does not compare with other locations like at the Ballyhoura mountain near Doneraile, Bweeng mountain, Nadd mountain near tyre .

PHOTO 1a. shows the visual look of the turbines, on our lowline land with the mountains in the background. The blue line in the horizon is the mountain where turbines development such as Nadd Lyre and Bweeng are located .

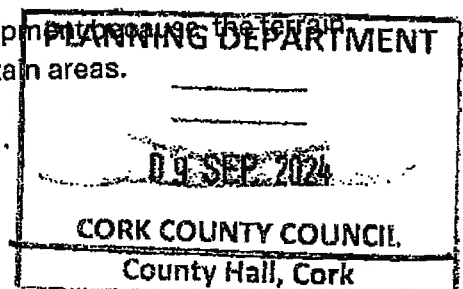
PHOTO 1b. shows another development in Ballyhoura mountains where the tubines are located up on the mountain.

I question as to why our area is suited and open for this wind development and compare the terrain does not compare with like of the other developments on the mountain areas.

This seems to be all very unbalanced to me.

MY BUSINESS / FARMING / THOUROBRED / BREEDING

I purchased my house and lands at Ardskeagh with my wife where we work hard to build what we have today, thoroughbred broodmares, cattle and sheep that has taken years to achieve the level where we are at. We are very passionate as to what we do producing our bloodstock rearing and selling them for the thoroughbred racing industry. This is major part of our income. I fear it will be at high risk of affecting our income when problems start happening from the impacts of the turbines. it will also affect the welfare of our bloodstock.



Broodmares need to be in a quiet relaxed peaceful environment for the reproduction, foaling and rearing of their newborn foals. And not to be near the noise or shadow flicker or vibrating and the rotating blades of a turbine that will be in their presence all the time.

There are many health risks such as fertility issues in the broodmare, or abortion or where the foal or themselves could get frightened or spooked, which they are a very athletic bred animal. This could lead to getting injured or fatalities. These consequences could permanently or devalue our stock and could affect our incomes.

Also there can be risks of deformities in young born foals as they are delivered from the mare, where their limbs may not be aligned and or they have mobility issues may never perform perfect without farriery correction and veterinary assistance/surgery. If the procedure are not successful, the animal may not make the career for racing and could devalue the value of the foal.

PHOTO 2. Shows deformity issue of two front legs of a foal.

Our veterinarian has voiced his concerns for us. See letter attached of date 21. He explained how the presence of the turbines could cause our horses and youngstock to perform a habit known as a "VICE" this could be where a horse is not been its own natural environment which being disturbed or is uncomfortable which cause to perform an abnormal behaviour in either the field or stabled. They are various type of vices "weaving," "windsucking," "box-walking" which also effect the horse, health, performance, and value.

SEE LETTER attached From Ark Veterinary Clinic.

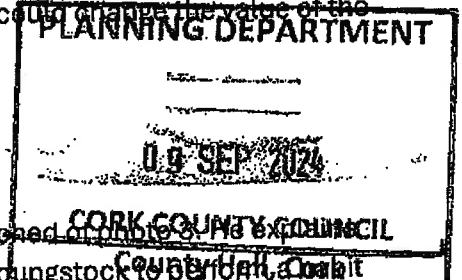
My job as a farrier for the past 20 years experience realises how important to be working with bloodstock in the suitable and safest environment as possible for the horse and the people who work with them.

RISK OF SPREAD OF TUBERCULOSIS (T.B)

We also have beef cattle on our lands. The contiguous herd testing often takes place when other farms test positive for T.B. As we have large population of beef and dairy cattle in our areas and the construction of turbines will aid the spread of T.B and serious consequences will occur of culling of herds, and loss of income of producing milk and beef to our industry. This would mean it would wipe out family farms where they might never be able to restock financially.

Consultation

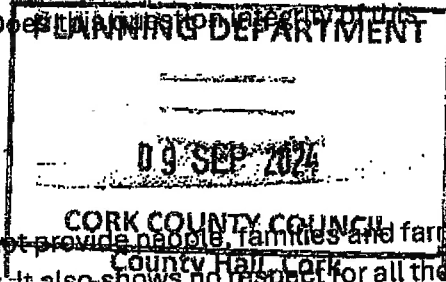
We got a flyer to attend only ONE exhibition on 8th February 2023. It was a surprise shock that a development had been planned for some time. We attended at Springfort Hall. Where I found the experience uncomfortable and unnerving where there was no seating and we had to talk to the agents standing in a circle. The maps on the information boards displayed, we could not find the location of our houses on the maps to measure the distance from turbines, these



maps seemed to be outdated. We spoke about our issues and questioned for a long length time, but I felt our worries were not a concern. I asked for images of the turbines from my property. But they said were not printed or available.

I requested a tour of a wind turbine but when I arrived it was just me alone where two other agents from Tullacondra Green energy. I found this tour to be daunting and asked why weren't other residents present. This turbine was smaller as to the comparison of the ones proposed. This area was more suited for turbines as there was forestry around the steep drive up approaching the turbines. This made the view of turbines not as overpowering. I told the two agents that we did not want turbines near our house and the proposed development had caused anxiety stress on myself and my wife, and that we are finding hard to get through our daily lives. Also said it has caused a barrier and tension between our neighbours that where live in a cul du sac. Here we are 18 months on and we feel Tullacondra green energy did nothing to help our concerns.

Tullacondra green energy ltd. set up a baseline noise monitor machine on our property to collect the data for the planning application. My wife and myself were led to believe that this was a monitor for wildlife. We were not informed that this was required as part of the planning permission process. And when we inspected the file, we found that there were photos of the baseline monitor beside our dogs and our vehicles in our yard were visible for public viewing on file. We requested them to be removed. And they were. Does this planning application planning application.



REGULATIONS

The 2006 guidelines are outdated in my opinion, it does not provide people, families and farms enough of a safe and healthy environment to live in today. It also shows no respect for all the wildlife. I would like more fairer planning thought into to the county development plan and allow areas of consideration to be removed from the development plan if they do not suit the developments.

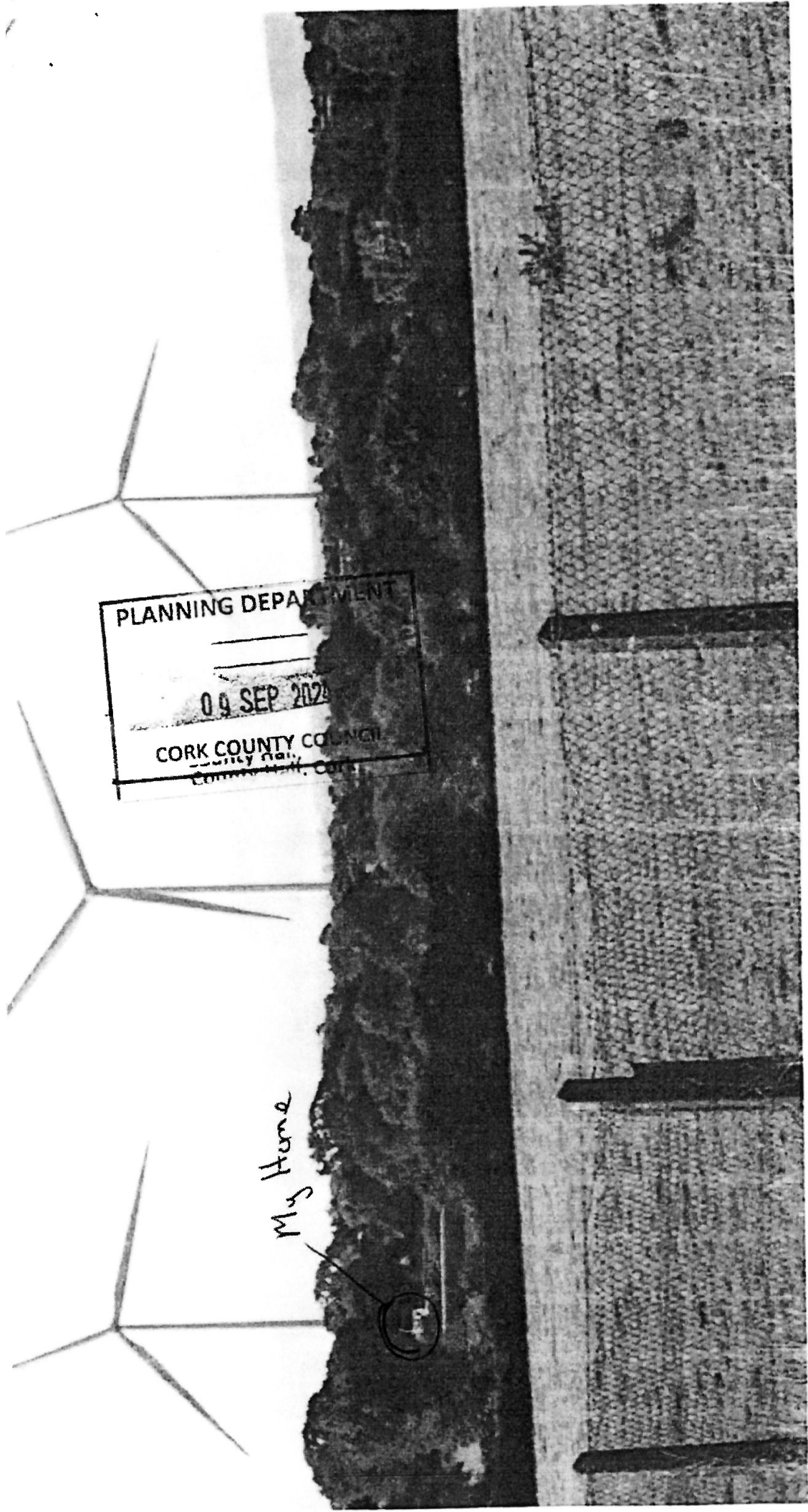
HEALTH.

They are so many health risks involved in living next to wind turbine for younger and older generations. For the last year and a half this turbine development has put myself and my wife under stress and worry as to imagine what could happen. I think about it every day, while working, while driving, when eating, when I am in bed and trying to go to sleep at night, and when I wake in the morning. It has made me emotional as to how we will cope and whether it will be viable for us keep going, all what we have invested and hard work put into our yard and home place to make it a safer place. I would love to have a family here, but the last year and half has been a real hurt to us and interrupted our lives so much when we should be enjoying our best years. This is what it has caused us to feel like so far, no mind living next to turbines for the rest of lives. I've include some photos of me and my bloodstock where I feel very passionate about them and my home.

Thank you for reading my objection I hope you consider my reasons for it.

WILLIAM FITZGERALD

William Fitzgerald

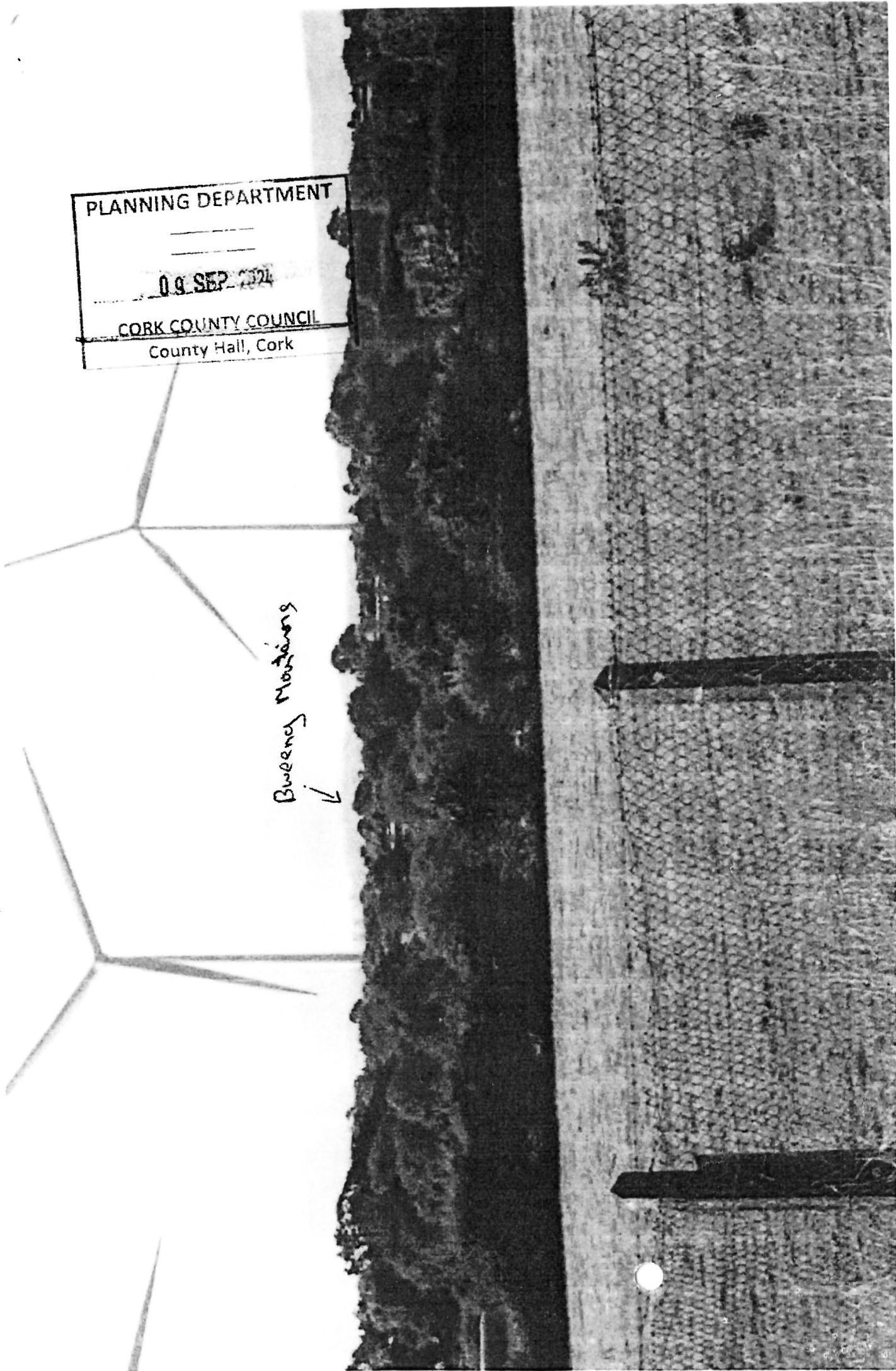


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My Home

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Bweeny Mountains
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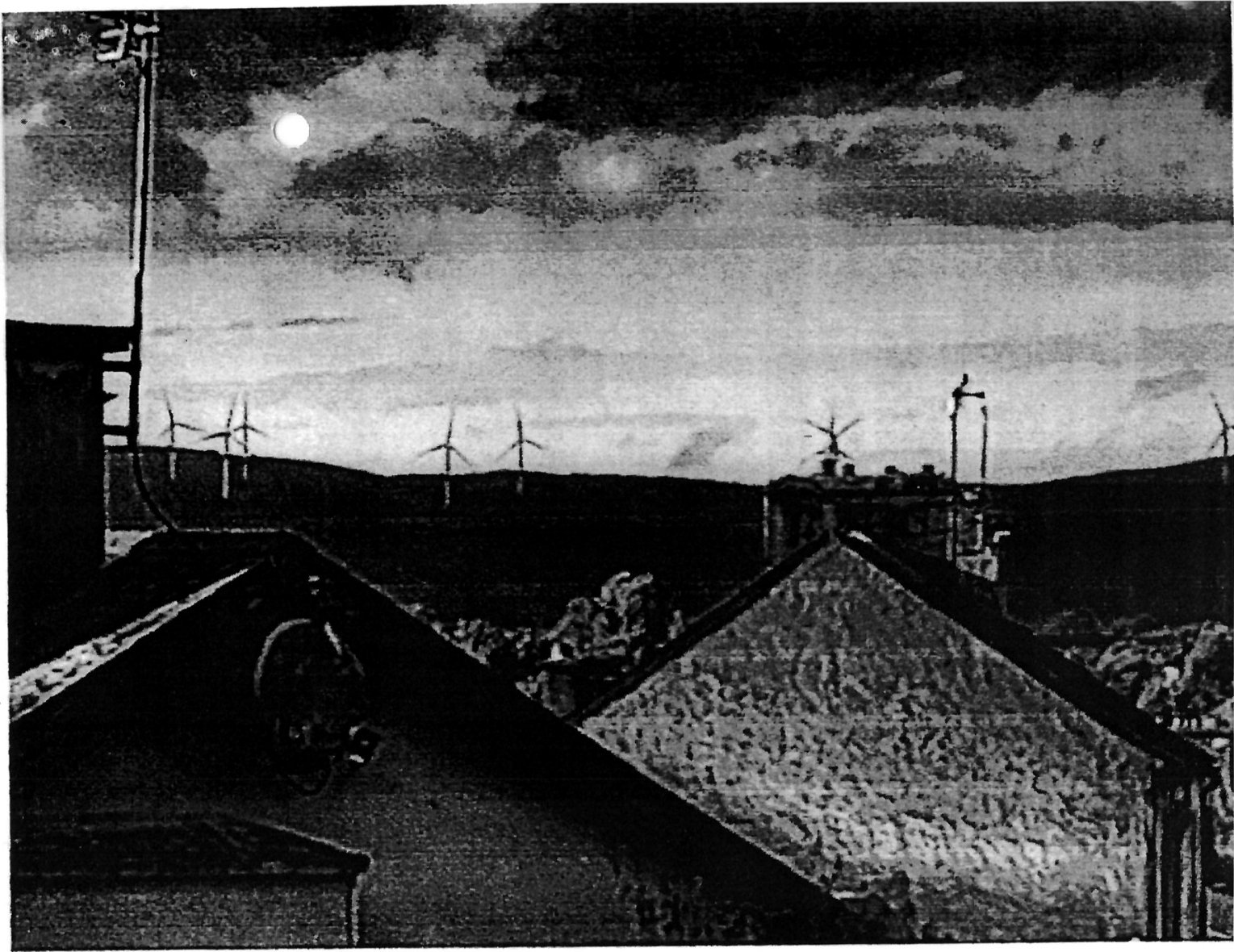
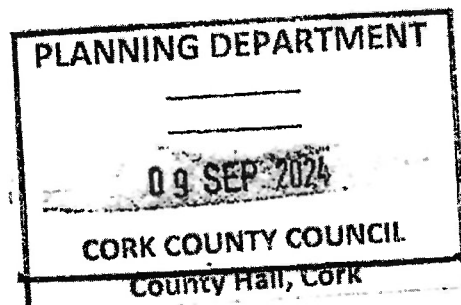


Photo 1 b Turbine Development
located in Ballyhoura
Mountains



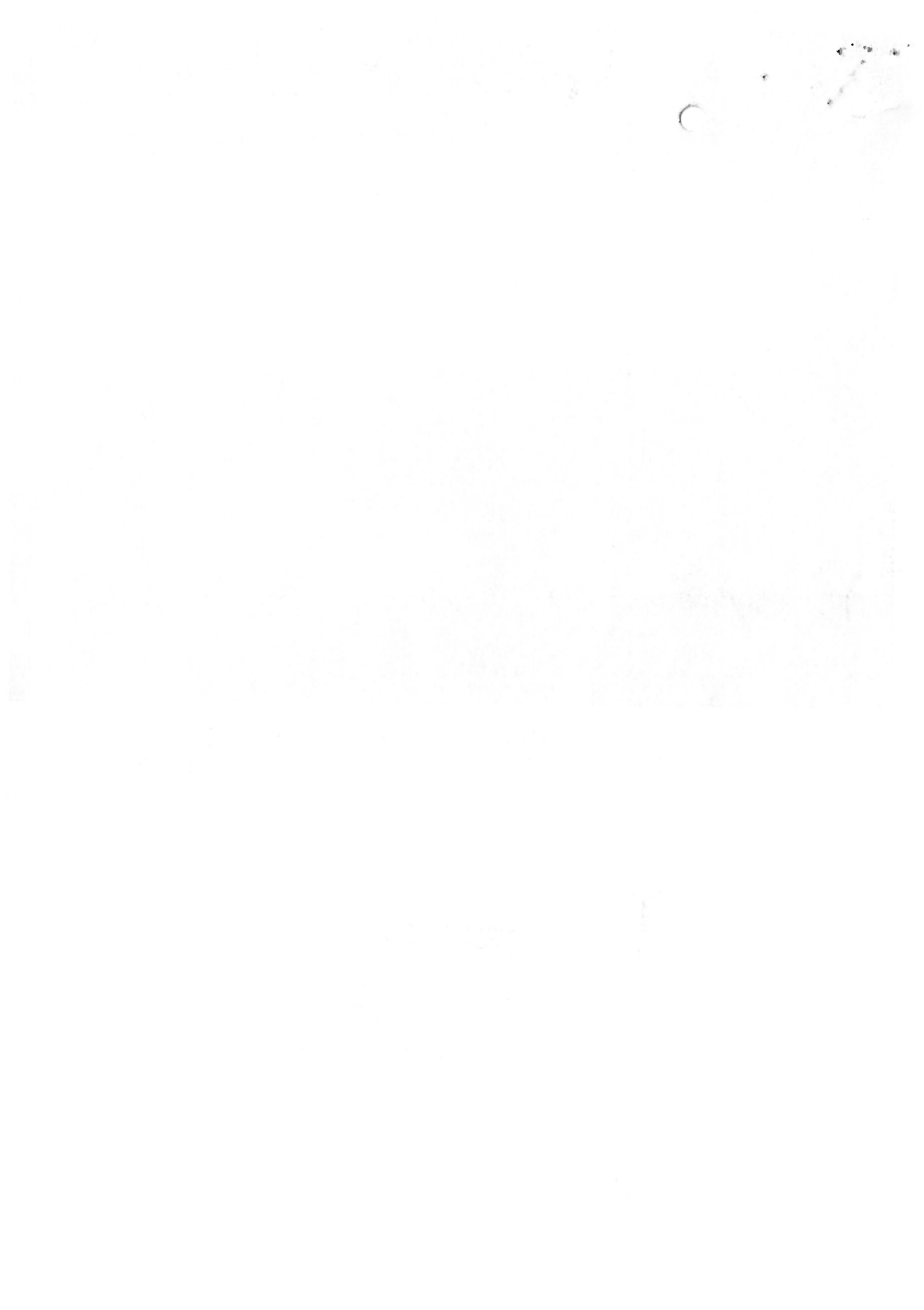




Photo of Home where our sheep/lambs
and our dogs

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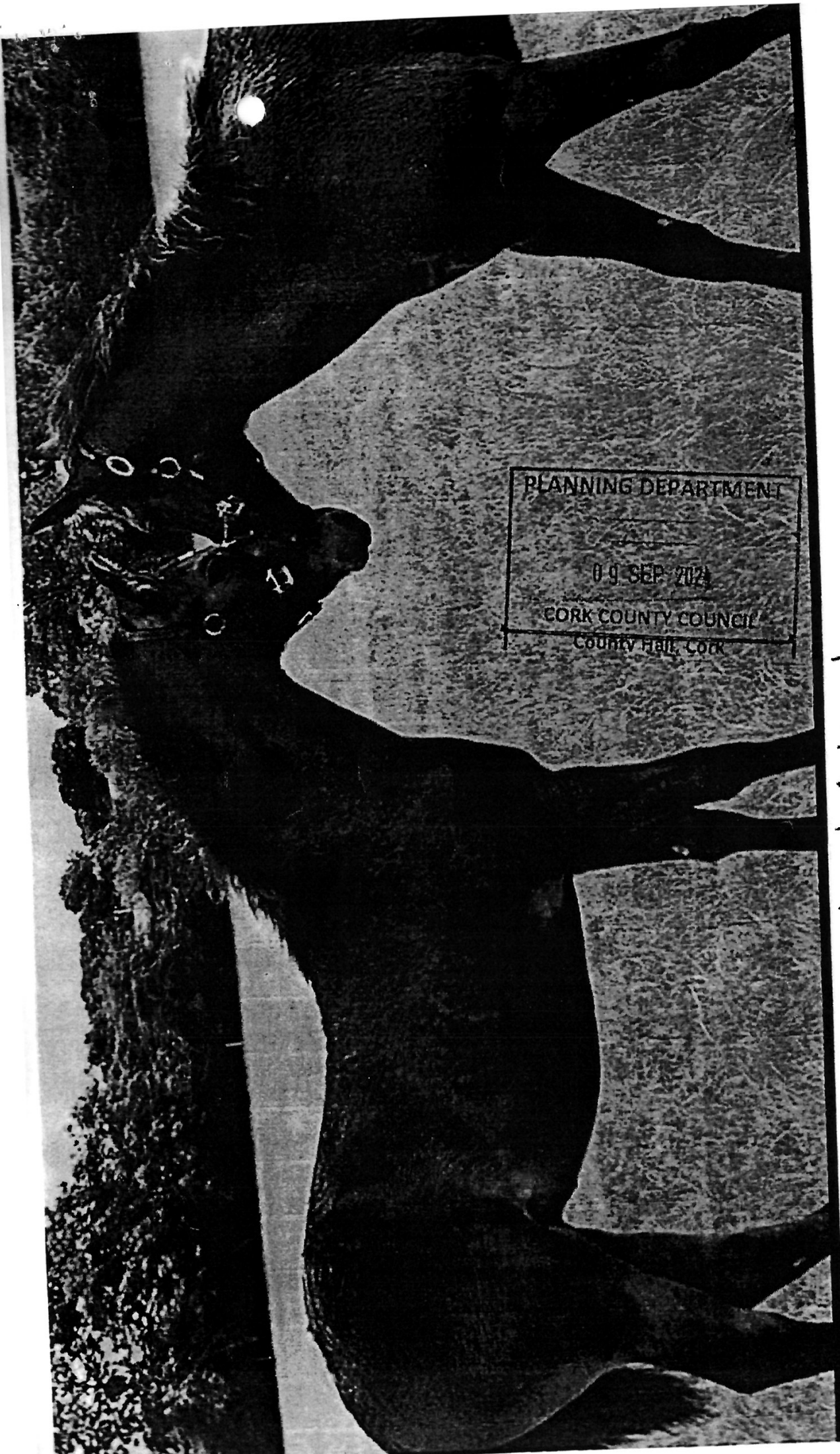


Photo 2.



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New Barn Fools at Ardskearagh





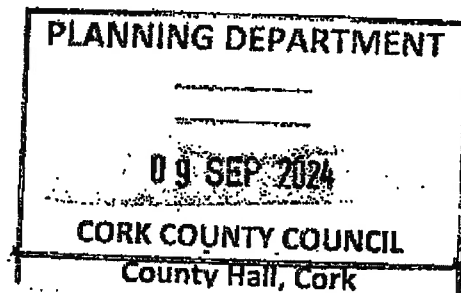
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Mr. William and Mrs. Fiona Fitzgerald,
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Re: Windfarm Application



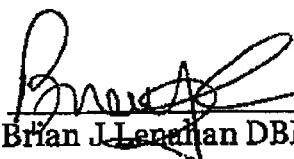
To whom it may concern,

William and Fiona Fitzgerald have been long standing and valued clients of this practice for a long number of years. During that time, they have established and grown a successful and thriving thoroughbred breeding business. This has required tremendous dedication, involving many long hours of exceptional care for their horses. When advised by us they have willingly tended to unwell animals through the night to ensure they receive the best possible care and attention.

The establishment of a wind farm adjacent to their farm has raised understandable concerns. They are concerned that their valued animals may be negatively impacted by this development. They are particularly concerned about the potential effect of noise and light flicker on these flighty animals. These features of wind farms, may in turn cause significant if not fatal injuries to their horses.

Furthermore, the presence adjacent to their horses of repetitive motion may induce in their horses a similar repetitive motion (known as a vice) which will impact on the welfare of their animals.

This practice supports William and Fionas resistance to the establishment of this windfarm.

Signed: 
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