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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP-322787

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received

13/7/08

from Dennis Buckley 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

Dennis Buckley

Date

06/08/25

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

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### Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-004801

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Date

LDG-081392-25

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#### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Dennis Buckley

Lodgement Date  
13/07/2025 14:12:32

Case Number / Description  
322787

#### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
dennis Buckley

Payment Amount  
€50.00

#### Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

Yes — See attached 131 Form

N/A — Invalid

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EO

Date

18/7/28

#### 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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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

## **Observation on Planning Appeal – Case Reference ABP-322787**

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Re: Observation on Planning Appeal – Case Reference ABP-322787  
Planning Authority Reference: 245503

I am writing to submit an observation in relation to the above-referenced planning appeal concerning the proposed construction of nine wind turbines approximately 800 metres from my residence at 1 Farrancotter, Lisgriffin, Buttevant, Co. Cork.  
I wish to object to this development on the following grounds:

### **Noise Pollution**

The proximity of the proposed turbines raises serious concerns about continuous noise, including low-frequency and infrasound, which can disrupt sleep and daily life. The cumulative impact of nine turbines operating simultaneously has not been adequately addressed in the application, especially during nighttime hours when ambient noise levels are low.

### **Visual Impact and Landscape Character**

The turbines will dominate the skyline and significantly alter the rural character of the area. Their scale and number are incompatible with the existing landscape, resulting in a permanent and intrusive visual presence that diminishes the scenic quality of the region.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

Prolonged exposure to wind turbine noise and shadow flicker has been linked to adverse health effects such as stress, headaches, and sleep disturbance. The proposal does not sufficiently mitigate these risks, which are particularly concerning given the close proximity to residential dwellings.

### **Property Devaluation**

The presence of large-scale wind turbines near residential properties can reduce property values. The visual and acoustic intrusion, combined with the industrialisation of a rural area, will likely make my home less desirable and harder to sell, representing a significant financial loss.

### **Insufficient Community Consultation**

There has been a lack of meaningful engagement with local residents. A development of this scale should involve transparent consultation and community input, which has not occurred in this case. This undermines public trust and fails to meet the principles of participatory planning.

### **Precedent and Cumulative Impact**

Approving this development could set a precedent for further industrial-scale energy infrastructure in the area. The cumulative impact of multiple wind farms in the region has not been adequately assessed, particularly in terms of landscape fragmentation and pressure on local infrastructure.

### **Environmental Concerns**

The construction and operation of the turbines may pose risks to local wildlife, habitats, and water resources. The Environmental Impact Assessment does not sufficiently address these potential harms or propose adequate mitigation measures.

In light of the above concerns, I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála refuse permission for this development or require significant modifications, including increased setback distances from residential properties and enhanced environmental protections. Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,  
Dennis Buckley

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