



An
Bord
Pleanála

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

Gerard and Lisa Buckley, Donna and Joe Kearney.

(b) Address

Stonestown, Cloghan, Co.Offaly

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

As above

(b) Agent's address

As above

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

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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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)

Offaly County Council

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

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

323579

(c) Planning authority register reference number

(for example: 18/0123)

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(d) Location of proposed development

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

Leitrim, Lumville, Ballinla, Clarkeville, Ballyfore Big, Ballyfore Little, Ballyeakin and Ballykilleen, in (Coolestown By) Co. Offaly

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.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing as a resident living beside the Cloghan Wind Farm in County Offaly. Since that development was commissioned, my family and my neighbours families have experienced significant and on-going issues, shadow flicker which was eventually stopped after a few years of torture along with awful noise and vibration within our home at all hours of the day and night which is still the case daily.

It has been extremely distressing. The constant hum and vibrations have caused sleepless night, headaches are a regular feature and tiredness is a normal part of life. We have all experienced health issues, you never know when the noise will start, or stop, it takes its toll. On holiday, we get a break but heading home we know what's waiting. It has been an awful experience — one that I wouldn't wish on anyone.

I am sharing this because I do not want other families or communities to go through what we have endured.

We have complained plenty since the turbines started, mainly to the Operator and the responses are very disappointing. We were promised 'noise curtains' but nothing happened to progress this which is merely a plaster of a gaping wound.

After more than a year of ignoring my emails, Offaly County Council promises to carry out independent noise monitoring but this is still TBC.

It appears the wind industry isn't answerable to anyone.

I urge the planning authority to take full account of the lived experiences of people already affected by nearby wind farms. What's to stop the same thing happening in Ballinla? No development should proceed until it can be demonstrated, beyond doubt, that neighbouring residents will be fully protected from noise, vibration, shadow flicker and EMF.

In my view, the health, wellbeing and quality of life of local residents must count for something. Wind farm development in rural areas must not come at the expense of local's health, I urge the planning authority to refuse this development until all existing complaints have been resolved. Any new development should be conditioned to guarantee compliance with noise and vibration limits verified by independent monitoring

I am proud our little community as stayed together during this difficult time,

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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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