

Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's 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:

(a) Observer's name

Deirdre Costello

(b) Observer's postal address

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Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

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

**You (the observer) at
the postal address in**

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**The agent at the postal
address in Part 2**

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

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- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

9 no. wind turbines, grid connection and all associated site works by
Garrane Green Energy Limited (Active)

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

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

Garrane, Ballynagoul, Creggane and Charleville, Co. Limerick

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

5. Grounds

Please note the grounds of my observation based on the reasons outlined below. Thank you.

- Impact on flora: trees will be cut down to make way for the wind turbines. The hedgerows will be affected, destroying the natural habitats of local wildlife. Some of these hedgerows and trees have been a part of the land for hundreds of years.
- Impact on fauna: local wildlife will be significantly harmed. The local area has an abundance of beautiful wet land birds like geese, ducks and swans flying to lagoons in Charleville from Lough Gur. It is truly disappointing that Garrane Green Energy has not taken this into consideration.
- Health and wellbeing: quality of life could reduce living close to wind turbines. Wind turbines and associated traffic for construction will increase noise levels above a comfortable decible (dB) level, there will be disorientating shadow flicker, the landscape will change, increase in traffic on the roads will increase pollutant levels. Living in proximity to a wind turbine will increase chronic stress. Chronic stress leads to an increase in stress hormone production. Chronically raised stress hormones can lead to long term health conditions and mental and emotional exhaustion. Local people might require more support from the HSE, placing a further burden on the already stretched HSE and mental health services.

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- Impact on development of new homes, and devaluation of present properties: new homes cannot be built within certain distances of the wind turbines. There is a risk that the number of people living in this community could reduce and people will be deterred from moving to the area. This is a real shame and has placed a huge barrier in the way of supporting our otherwise thriving local community.
- Impact on landscape: the landscape will significantly change by erecting up to 9 wind turbines. Garrane Green Energy did not clearly communicate to our community that a change in the landscape would occur.
- Flooding risks on farmland: for example in Ballinagoul, this will increase due to the turbines being built on a Floodzone A. At present, there already is significant farmland flooding (up to 25 acres) each Winter. Garrane Green energy wind turbines will impact this even further.
- Traffic increase and road safety; road traffic accidents and road fatalities could increase. Charleville has had a number of road fatalities over the years. This is a risk too in Bruree with lorries, trucks etc travelling down small roads. Many in the area have young children as we are close to a number of local schools. If 8,000 construction vehicles are needed on the road for > 18 months this poses a significant risk.
- Communication: first of the forms were signed up in 2021. We were not invited to community consultations until 2025, and it was only made public April 2025. This delay demonstrates a lack of respect from Garrane Green Energy to our communities.

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.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to [request the Board to hold an oral hearing](#), please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Date		Date	

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