



An  
Bord  
Pleanála

## 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

Maurice O'Connor

(b) Observer's  
postal address

Garrane, Limerick Road, Charleville, Co. Limerick  
P56 DY95

### 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 Part 1

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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)

323635

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

Garrane Green Energy Wind Farm

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

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

Townlands of Ballynagoul, Creggane and Garrane, 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).

1. Health concerns regarding long term impact the 7 x 170m turbines will have in respect of shadow flicker due to the proximity of my current residence which is approx. 500 / 600m from the proposed windfarm site.
2. Further health concerns regarding the operating noise the proposed 7 turbines will have on a daily basis. I have recently observed significant "humming" noise emanating from existing turbines in the locality from a distance of approx. 500 / 600m.
3. Increased volumes of HGV traffic will be a significant issue for the area during the construction phase of the project. The N20 is already congested with heavy traffic on a daily basis. Increased traffic will further hinder residents that live close to the N20 with their daily activities not to mention the increased risk of more traffic accidents.
4. I recently moved into the area mainly due to its rural setting and local landscape. This project will change the landscape permanently to an industrial zone.
5. Concern regarding the devaluation of my property due to the proposed project. It may prove difficult to sell my property in the future if required.
6. The project will have a significant visual impact to my property with the proposed 7 x 170m turbines within close proximity. The proposed

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turbines will be towering over my property which will be an unsightly addition to my existing treelined garden.

7. The proposed site is situated on a floodplain which floods during periods of heavy rainfall. This occurs almost annually and it should be considered in terms of the suitability of the wind farm site.

## 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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Initials		Initials	
Date		Date	

**Notes**