

Formal Planning Objection Submission

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

Application Reference: 323699

From: Kevin Browne, Tonacooleen

Date: 14 November 2025

Re: Objection to Application 323699 – Proposed Windfarm and Associated Substation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Kevin Browne of Tonacooleen, wish to lodge a formal objection to planning application 323699 relating to the proposed windfarm and associated substation development.

1. Traffic and Road Safety Concerns

The proposed construction traffic will significantly increase heavy vehicle movements along a narrow local laneway that is not designed for such loads. This is a residential area where my children and other local children walk daily to visit family. The increased traffic poses a serious safety risk and will create dangerous conditions for pedestrians and residents. The road's geometry, limited visibility, and existing bend add to these risks.

2. Dangerous Bend & Road Widening Without Consent

There is a known dangerous bend on this laneway. The developers have proposed widening this bend — but I was never approached, consulted, or asked for permission, despite the fact that the plans show the widened area extending onto my private land. Under Irish property law, landowners own the ground beneath the road surface up to the midpoint of the roadway, while the surface itself is managed by the Council. The applicant's drawings clearly show a red boundary line crossing into my land.

Please see the file attached below for the map image referenced in this section.

3. Lack of Communication and Engagement

At no stage did the developers contact me regarding the proposed substation, roadway alterations, traffic impacts, or use of my land. This lack of engagement and transparency is unacceptable for a project of this scale.

4. Flooding Risk at Proposed Substation Location

The location identified for the substation has a long history of flooding during periods of heavy rain. Placing a substation on land with known drainage and flood issues poses environmental, electrical, and operational risks.

5. Impact on Local Community and Quality of Life

The combined effect of traffic, construction disruption, safety risks, and encroachment onto private land will significantly reduce the quality of life of local residents.

Conclusion

For the reasons listed above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse planning permission for Application 323699.

Yours faithfully,
Kevin Browne
Tonacooleen

