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To
An Coimisiun Pleanala,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.
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Re: Planning Application PAX91. 323780

We are making this submission as residents of Camass, within 1km of a proposed wind turbine. While we would promote renewable energy, we have grave reservations about the size and location of proposed development. We wish to object strongly to this proposal and ask that the board refuse planning permission.

The 1st indication to the development was a letter received from the developer, followed by a note saying sorry we missed you which was dropped off sometime during a working day. It was followed by another letter stating they would meet no more than 3 persons at a time, at a date of their convenience! We now have knowledge that they were asked to attend public meetings which they declined.

Because of the proximity of the large industrial installation, our biggest fear is Noise, Shadow Flicker and Devaluation of our family home. Basically noise is guaranteed from any windfarm and these will be some of the largest turbines ever erected in Ireland.

The nature of my employment is based around shift work and I would worry about my health if the noise impacts sleep, or my daily routine of walking the local scenic area with my dogs or relaxing in my home.

We believe that shadow flicker will be contained to a number of minutes per day or cumulative over a number of minutes per month. However, any exposure can be detrimental to health.

We never envisioned when building our family home with views over the Camass corcass (low lying ground) and historic Rathcannon, that we could potentially be looking at a large industrial windfarm.

Because of our location, the reality is we will be able to see and hear all of the 17 proposed turbines. 3 of which will be on our doorstep.

The area is prone to flooding and we would worry that any water displacement could affect our private well and waste water treatment. It also could potentially render our property worthless and would inevitably deter any family members settling in the area in future years.

We would also have serious concerns about the construction phase of the project. The main access point on the R516 passes our door and is located very near a dangerous bend. This road is already busy and can barely handle daily traffic besides heavy industrial machines which will be accessing the proposed development. The bridge on the R516 between Boherard and the access point is in constant need of repair due to the composition of the ground, which is prone to flooding and the road at either side of this bridge is liable to subsidence.

The proposed underground cabling along the R516 and onto the local road toward Rockbarton, Holycross and then on to the R512 will cause untold damage to the road surfaces as well as major delays during construction.

Given the topogeography of the ground, any form of major construction will have huge implications for fauna and wildlife in the area.

This large scale development is wholly unsuited to this rural and scenic area which is home to numerous families that make up our community.

We respectfully request that you visit this area and drive the roads that circumnavigate this proposed development, and see how unsuited it is to this beautiful historic area before you make your decision, that will have long-lasting implications for everyone involved.

Kind regards

James and Sarah Bagnell