

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

Orla Davern and Ger O' Riordan

(b) Observer's
postal address

Caherguillamore, Bruff, Co. Limerick. V35 HY88

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

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

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

- (a) **An Coimisiún Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**

(for example: 300000)

323780

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

Wind Turbines

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

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

Bruff Co. Limerick

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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).

Hi,

As a family, Myself, my husband and or Son Ruan, we are very concerned about the fact that there are plans in place for these huge Wind Turbines in our area, Bruff. Co. Limerick.

Our Child (7) attends the local primary school and we are very much involved in community sports etc. We live in Caherguillamore, a 5-minute drive outside the village of Bruff, in a lovely part of the countryside. We have lovely views of the golden Vale and do not wish this to be disturbed.

As well as concerns regarding the visual pollution of these wind turbines, we are very concerned for the Noise pollution. One of the biggest downsides of wind energy is the noise and visual pollution. Wind turbines can be noisy when operating due to both the mechanical operation and the wind vortex created when the blades are rotating. Additionally, because wind turbines need to be built up high enough to capture a good amount of wind, the turbines can often interrupt otherwise scenic landscapes, such as mountain ranges, lakes, Wildlife and more.

A wind turbine's blades are very large and rotate at very high speeds.

Unfortunately, their blades can harm and kill species that fly into them, like

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birds and bats. The construction of wind farms can also disrupt the natural habitats of local species if not conducted sustainably.

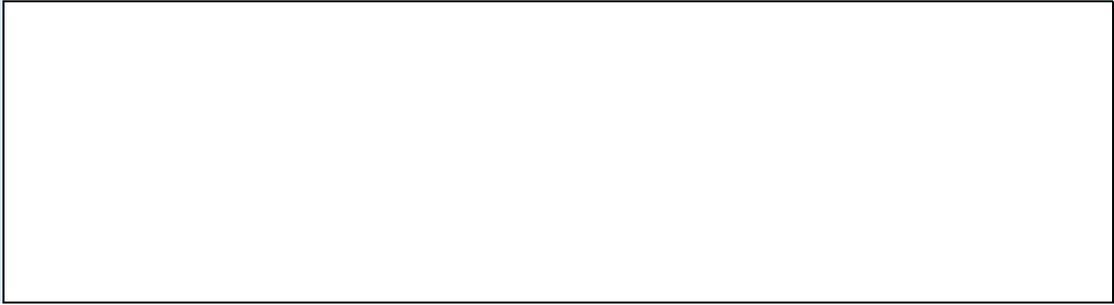
Wind energy requires transmission. In many cases, turbines and generation sites may be located quite far from the population centres where electricity is needed. Therefore, transmission lines are an additional piece of infrastructure that must be built for this form of energy generation to be successful. This, as far as I am concerned will devalue the price of our homes and turn people off moving to our lovely area of Bruff.

As a family we are requesting that you consider the impact these enormous wind turbines will have on all our lives. We do not want them in our area due to concerns about noise, health implications for us all but especially our children, and how they will devalue our homes/properties for many, many years to come.

As a community we do not want these in our little area.

Please do not approve this.

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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.

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 Coimisiún 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

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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	

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