

OBSERVATION/SUBMISSION TO PLANNING APPLICATION

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Cashla Peaker Plant- located in Pollnagroagh and Rathmorrissey

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I am writing to object to the proposed development cited above.

Along with being the closest upwind (prevailing) resident to the proposed Power Plant, and all the dangers that that entails, I feel, at a very personal level, that the proposed plant is an ecological kick to the gut. Having invested heavily in the reduction of my own personal carbon footprint (solar installation, solar water heater installation, comprehensive insulation upgrade, over 1000 trees planted) in accordance with Government guidelines and suggested practices. It is enormously frustrating that the same government would decide that it was perfectly moral/judicious to agree to the construction of a power plant in direct contravention to those same Climate Action rules/recommendations, that I have followed, at great expense to myself, on my doorstep.

Considering the amount of curtailment of green wind energy annually (1800-2000 GWh in 2025 alone) compared to the size of the proposed Peaker plant (350Mw) and how rapidly battery storage technology/pricing is improving, investment in future green storage facilities that could match Peaker plant outputs with “free” pollution free energy should surely be a driving force

for a government with abysmal carbon target achievements and a budgetary surplus that would be the envy of many a nation.

On a local level, both long term access and short term infrastructure disruption will greatly affect local business and transport on a road that is not designed for heavy vehicles, with constant delays as it is when 2 farm machines, school buses and/or HGVs meet on the L3103.

Understandably, this site was specifically selected for its low population density to minimise public opposition and streamline the environmental impact assessment process. Considering that the carbon output from such a plant adds to a global problem, it is incumbent on the inhabitants of this sparsely populated bucolic idyll to object on behalf of those who will be unknowingly effected negatively by this investment in fossil fuel burning infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

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