

Castlearmstrong,  
Ballycumber,  
Co Offaly  
R35 NH33

The Secretary,  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1 D01 V902

25/05/2026

**Ref: PAX19.324161 - Proposed Lemanaghan Wind Farm**

To whom it concerns,

I wish to object to the proposed Wind Farm development proposed for Lemanaghan Bog.

My reason:

I was born in 1960. My homeplace is in Kilnagarnagh, N37 N882, **A** on the map. My parents built their house at this address, previously having lived in an old house on the same site.

My grandfather came from Kilnagarna N37 PC43, **B** on the map.

My grandmother came from Derravane, **C** on the map.

My great grandfather came from Kilnagarna, **D** on the map.

My great grandmother came from Cooldorrougha **E** on the map.

My great-great grandfather came from Kilnagarna, **D** on the map.

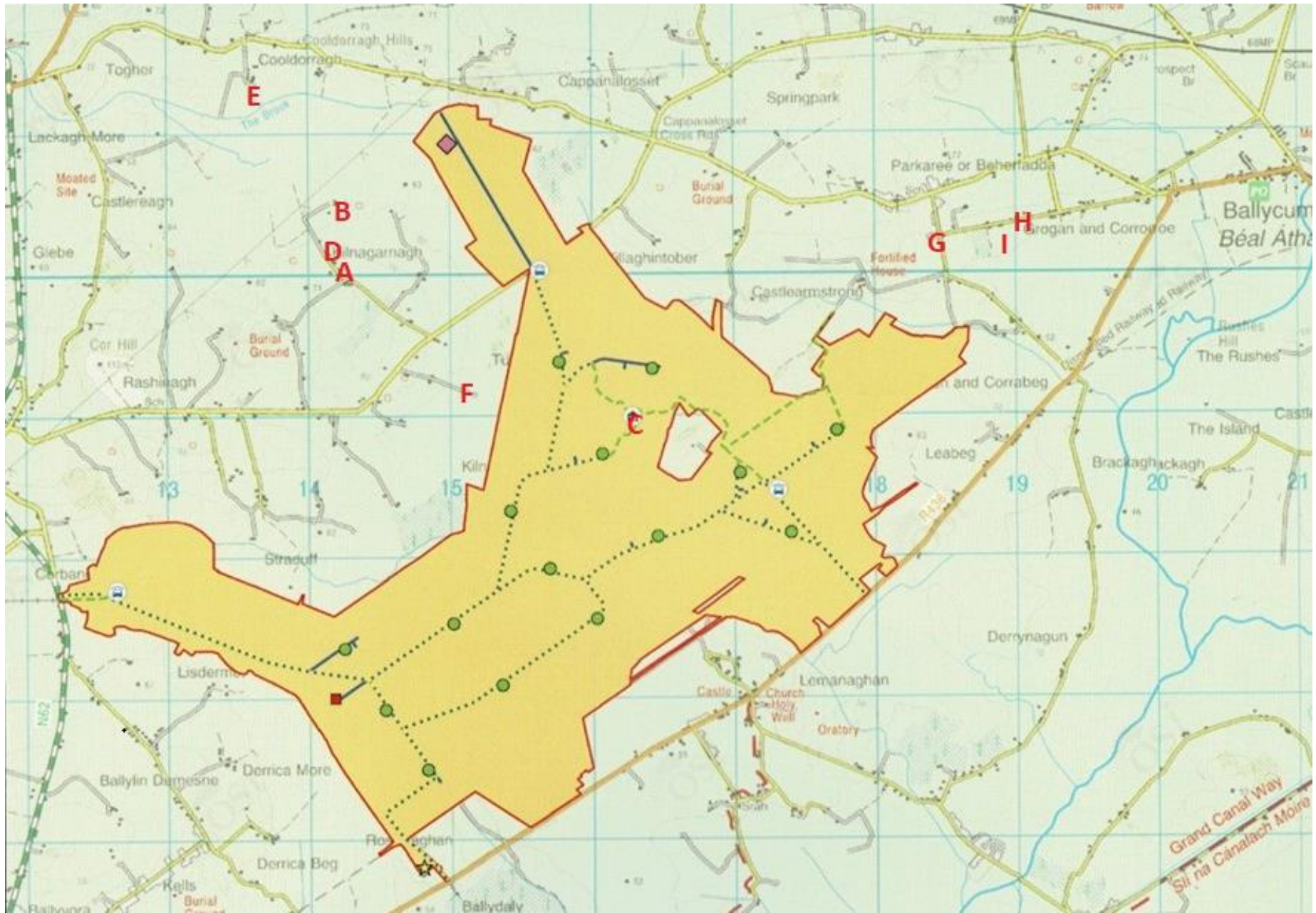
My great-great grandmother came from Tumbeagh, **F** on the map.

When I got married in 1983, my husband and I built a house in Castlearmstrong, R35 NH33, **G** on the map.

His parents and grandparents came from Parkaree, **H** on the map.

Recently, my eldest child built a house in Parkaree R35 Y0F1, **I** on the map.

So you see, our family has strong roots in this area and the heritage line continues, rooted in the same townlands and parish.



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Ballycum  
Béal Atha

Lackagh More

Giebe

Cor Hill

Rashleigh

Carbar

Lisderma

Ballylin Damesne

Kells

Cooldorrigh

The Brice

Dinagarnagh

Burial Ground

Straduff

Derrica More

Derrica Beg

Cooldorrigh Hills

Caponallisset

Caponallisset Cross Road

Blaghintober

Castloarmstrong

Kiln

Straduff

Lisderma

Derrica More

Derrica Beg

Springpark

Caponallisset Cross Road

Burial Ground

Castloarmstrong

Kiln

Straduff

Lisderma

Derrica More

Derrica Beg

Parkaree or Beherfadca

Fortified House

and Corabeg

Leabeg

Lisderma

Derrica More

Derrica Beg

Brogan and Corrooie

Fortified House

and Corabeg

Leabeg

Derrynagun

Lisderma

Derrica More

Derrica Beg

Bushes Hill  
The Rushes

The Island

Brackaghackagh

Derrynagun

Lisderma

Derrica More

Derrica Beg

Grand Canal Way  
Sli na Caimalach Moire

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Railway

Grand Railway to Railway

Castle  
Church  
Holy Well  
Oratory

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When we applied to Offaly Co Council for planning permission to build our house in 1983 there were conditions attached that we had to adhere to. It was the same with my daughter when she built her house in 2023, and also when my parents built their house. We had no issue abiding by these regulations. See below samples of conditions set down by Offaly Co Council:

Having regard to the rural nature of the site, the intended use of the proposed development, the current County Development Plan, the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines, referral reports on file and the pattern of existing development in this area, it is considered that subject to conditions, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and will be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Noise, emissions at the nearest noise sensitive location (such as dwellings, schools, places of worship or areas of high amenity) shall not exceed the following:

L <sub>Aeq</sub> (60 minutes)	55dB(A)	8am to 8pm
L <sub>Aeq</sub> (15 minutes)	45dB(A)	8pm to 8am

The Applicant shall take reasonable measures to mitigate any environmental nuisance (noise and dust) which may arise during construction. Construction shall take place during working hours 7am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1.30pm Saturday unless otherwise authorised by the Planning Authority.

All existing tree/hedgerows on the existing site boundaries shall be retained and maintained unless their removal is necessitated by a condition of this permission. The tree/hedgerows and their roots shall be protected during the course of site construction by the erection of a 1m high fence around the tree(s)/hedgerow at a radius of not less than 1m beyond the outer branches of the tree.

These are just some of the conditions, there were many more.

At no time was it stated in any document that, in the future, we would have to accept a wind farm development in our locality, along with all the long-term issues associated with it, including:

- Shadow flicker
- Noise
- Health concerns
- Devaluation of our property

Of course, during the construction stage, there would also be additional heavy vehicle traffic which will impact our country roads. This locality has experienced this in the past when heavy trucks carrying sand and gravel destroyed the roads which are not capable of carrying HGV's.

I have spoken to people living in other areas close to wind farms. I have seen firsthand what shadow flicker looks like inside a home, and I have personally heard the noise generated by the turbines. My cousin lives near two turbines that are smaller than those proposed for the Lemanaghan area. The first time I visited her after they became operational, I genuinely thought an aeroplane was passing over the house. She and her family also experienced phone and internet disruption. For several

months, they had to travel to the nearest village to access phone and internet services. Although the issue was eventually resolved, it took considerable time.

Some years ago, I visited the Mountlucas Wind Farm. The first thing that struck me was the absence of birdsong. In my view, this was due to the removal of so many trees, which had provided natural habitat for wildlife. Every morning at home, I wake to the sound of birds singing, and it is a beautiful and important part of our environment and quality of life. I would much rather hear the birds singing than the sound of a wind turbine.

My husband will be 70 years old this year and already suffers from a number of health issues. I am deeply concerned that this development and its associated impacts could further aggravate his health and wellbeing.

Lemanaghan parish is an area rich in heritage. I have outlined this in previous submissions so I don't need to do it again. The scale and industrial character of a wind farm would erode the traditional rural setting. It would have a very negative visual impact on the landscape. Turbines and associated infrastructure would dominate the open, low-lying bog landscape, with significant visibility for miles around. Such visual intrusion is inconsistent with a sensitive peatland landscape and would alter its character irreversibly. I am sure the construction of such a development will alter the water level of the locality. This area suffers huge flooding issues during the winter months, so I cannot imagine where the water from the bog will go if these huge foundations are put in place.

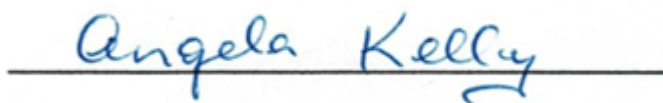
Lemanaghan area is noted for its early monastic and archaeological heritage. An industrial development of this scale risks adverse effects on the setting and appreciation of these assets and on the historic pilgrimage experience.

We, and everyone else in this locality, built our houses in good faith, some based on ancestral connections, but also because of the quiet country environment. We never expected to have an industrial wind farm on our doorstep.

When did it become ok for someone outside the locality to decide what should be built in this small country area and put our lives and health at risk? Since this project was first mentioned, it has caused anguish and stress that we didn't need. We should not have to fight to keep our health, our homes and our landscape. These developments should be put around the coast, where there is plenty of wind and it would not put stress on a community.

For all these reasons, I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed development at Lemanaghan Bog as the development would compromise the heritage of the area, the visual setting and the well-being of residents of the area.

Yours sincerely,



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