

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Windfarm in Leamonaghan Bog

Leamonaghan,

Ballycumber,

Co. Offaly.

21/05/2026

The Board

An Bord Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street

Dublin 1

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Re: Objection to Proposed Wind Farm Development at Lemanaghan, Co. Offaly – Case 324161

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development at Lemanaghan, County Offaly.

My objection is based on the serious negative impact this development would have on local residents, family homes, farming life, wildlife, biodiversity, health and wellbeing, as well as the lasting damage it would cause to the unique heritage and landscape of the area.

The proposed turbines, reaching approximately 220 metres in height, are completely unsuitable for the sensitive rural and historic setting of Lemanaghan. This area is deeply important to the local community, both environmentally and culturally, and the industrialisation of the landscape would permanently alter its character and destroy the peace and natural beauty that families have enjoyed for generations.

My family currently lives and farms in this area. My elderly parents have worked extremely hard all their lives to maintain the farm and home they built here. They are now older and dealing with ongoing medical issues, and they deserve the opportunity to live peacefully and without constant stress or anxiety in the years ahead. Instead, they are now deeply worried about the possible impact this development will have on their health, quality of life, home environment, and financial security.

I am also particularly concerned for my autistic nephews, who regularly visit and spend time with their grandparents in the area. Children and individuals with autism can be highly sensitive to noise, vibration, flashing movement, and environmental disruption. The constant turbine noise,

shadow flicker, and industrial activity could cause significant distress, anxiety, and sensory overload, making visits to the family home extremely difficult and upsetting.

In addition to the health and wellbeing concerns, this development threatens the future plans our family had for improving and developing the farm and establishing a local business. We had hoped to continue investing in the land and creating opportunities for the future generation. However, the presence of turbines of this scale beside the property would severely affect these plans and remove any realistic opportunity to expand or develop the farm and business successfully.

There are also major concerns regarding the destruction of wildlife habitats and biodiversity in the area. Lemanaghan Bog and the surrounding countryside are home to important flora and fauna, birds, bats, hares, and other wildlife that depend on this fragile ecosystem. The drainage, excavation, road construction, and large-scale industrial works required for this project risk causing irreversible environmental damage and the destruction of valuable natural habitats and peatland ecosystems.

It is also disgraceful that there appears to be no meaningful financial compensation for local residents whose homes, farms, and land will inevitably be devalued as a result of this development. Families who have lived and worked in this area for generations are expected to carry the burden of the project while receiving little or no benefit in return.

Furthermore, local people are not even benefiting from reduced or free electricity despite having to live beside these enormous turbines. The electricity generated is expected to be exported and sold to Northern Ireland and the UK, while local residents are left with the negative impacts and none of the advantages.

There is also no evidence that this development will create any significant long-term employment or meaningful economic benefit for the local community. Once construction is complete, very few permanent jobs will remain. As a result, the local area faces all of the disruption, environmental damage, stress, and loss of amenity without receiving any genuine lasting benefit whatsoever. The wind turbines also only have a life cycle of only 25 years maximum. They will turn into rust and be left as an even bigger eyesore over time.

I am deeply concerned about the cumulative impact this development will have on residents, farming families, wildlife, mental health, local heritage, and the environment. The scale and location of the proposed wind farm are wholly inappropriate for Lemanaghan and would permanently damage a unique and treasured area.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála refuse planning permission for the proposed Lemanaghan Wind Farm development.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be 'Dara Rigney'. To the left of the signature, there is a small icon of a printer and the text 'Print preview'.

Dara Rigney