

Objection to the Proposed Lemanaghan Wind Farm

Summary

This report outlines environmental, cultural, and social reasons why the proposed wind farm should not proceed.

Key Arguments

Environmental Protection

Lemanaghan Bog is a unique raised bog ecosystem vital for biodiversity and carbon storage. Construction would disrupt peat layers, release stored carbon, and harm wildlife habitats.

Cultural Heritage:

The bog is part of Ireland's historic monastic landscape, linked to Saint Manchan's heritage. Industrial turbines would visually and physically alter this sacred environment.

Water and Climate Impact:

Peatlands regulate water flow and quality. Disturbance could increase flooding risk and degrade water purity in surrounding communities.

Community Rights:

Residents have the right to preserve their natural and cultural heritage. The development risks long-term ecological damage for short-term energy gains.

Alternative Solutions:

Ireland can meet renewable targets through offshore wind and solar expansion without sacrificing protected bogs.

Conclusion:

The proposed Lemanaghan Wind Farm poses unacceptable risks to Ireland's environmental integrity, cultural legacy, and community well-being.

It is recommended that An Coimisiún Pleanála reject the application and prioritize sustainable alternatives that respect heritage and ecology.