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Case Number : 324161

To whom it may concern, I am lodging my observations against SID case number 324161.

We will be one of the closest homes to a turbine sitting on the inner marked ring on the maps , being just 880metres away from multiple turbines.

We have a lot of issues with this large scale windfarm being planned for our area. We built our home in 2023 against tight planning laws and restrictions. We had to consider our neighbours view point to our home and screen it with trees as part of the planning but these turbines will overlook all of our homes with no trees ever covering it. The peace in our home will be destroyed from both a visual impact and also through noise which these turbines will produce and which has been confirmed will impact us.

We choose to live her for many reasons and all of which will be destroyed. The scenery, the peace, the wildlife and the sense of tranquillity the area holds.

Our planning application had a prerequisite that we must obtain clearance from an archaeologist dig at the time of building to which we needed to produce a report. However, in this instance multiple turbines will be erected with no excavation in place. The area is rich in history with the oldest remains being found recently post the last big storm which made headline news.

We are already in close proximity to multiple turbines in Mount Lucas and Derrinlough Cloghan and the erection of more seems unfair on all communities in the area , not just Leamonaghan. Why does Offaly have to meet such high standards with renewable energy when other counties are not. The county will turn into an industrial county and the culture and heritage will be lost.

We have cattle on site and have read that the frequency affects the cattle which is another concern of ours. We followed strict guidelines to obtain a herd number which may not be achievable to continue if the cattle are not settled in fields close to the turbines.

The flicker that comes from the blades is also another concern and its been confirmed we will have multiple hours of flicker every day. Why should we endure this ? Suggestions like closing your windows and blinds is just ridiculous and something which has been suggested to us.

The pre planning process was not fit for purpose. We received some letters in our letterbox and were invited to community liaison sessions which were a repeat of what was put in through the letterbox and not a forum for discussion.

I find the montages in the EIAR misleading, the scale does not look right and it captures a static blade which will not be the case. How can we predict what 15 turbines moving will look and feel like ?

I ask that all the above be considered when reviewing the application.

Kind regards

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