

OBSERVATION/SUBMISSION TO PLANNING APPLICATION

Case Reference: 324162

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To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Date: 26 May 2026

Re: Observation to the proposed development of a 220kV substation, telecommunications mast and underground electricity cable infrastructure with associated works.

Location: Rathmorrissey, Pollnagroagh, Moanbaun, Castlelambert, Knocknacreeva, Caraunduff, Caherbriskaun, Lisheenkyle East, Barrettspark and Cashla (Townlands), Athenry, Co. Galway

Applicant: Bord Gáis Energy Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

A Chairde,

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposal of Bord Gáis to install ducting and inspection chambers on a section of the roadway between Pollnagroagh and Lisheenkyle, Athenry. In the first case this English company, which conveniently held onto the name 'Bord Gáis', is only interested in making as much profit as they can from their associated planning application to build a gas burning power plant in the area. For them to do so and you to allow them to disrupt the lives of so many ordinary people going about their business - be it to schools, work or whatever - would be unforgiveable and an abuse of power. I have no issue with any company making a profit, but for them to do so at the expense of a considerable number of people should not be allowed. The roadway along which this proposed ducting and chambers are intended is a densely populated area, with many of the houses within a short distance of the road. The sub-terrain here is solid rock and extensive use of rock-breaking equipment would be necessary. I live locally and I do not recall seeing Bord Gáis or anyone on their behalf carrying out surveys or trial holes to assess what exactly lies beneath the surface.

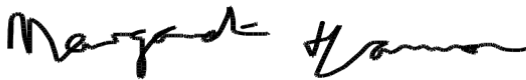
This entire project, i.e. the gas burning power plant and it's associated cable connection to an electricity sub

station, is wrong from the word 'Go'. This is a fossil fuel burning plant when now there are so many alternatives, and their proposal to restrict traffic on one section of the roadway and to completely close another road for a prolonged period should not be permitted. We - the local population - are depending on you to protect our rights and deny this organisation the installation of the ducting and chambers.

As we stated in our previous objection to the peaker plant, this is a residential area. The people who live here and along that stretch of road are hard working, honest people. For a lot of us, our families have decided to return and build their own homes in the local area, with children attending the many local schools. The local community do not deserve this terrible disruption. We rely on you in public office to look out for our continued welfare.

Having reviewed the application documentation, I have outlined my concerns regarding the proposed development

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William Hannon in black ink.Handwritten signature of Margaret Hannon in black ink.

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