

WIND TURBINE FARM OBSERVATIONS  
50 EURO FEE ENCLOSED

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Dear sir,

I would like to recommend this development should not be permitted due to the following reasons

1) Inappropriate site for numerous very large wind turbines in a West facing valley over looking and extensively visible from the West Cork coastline, especially the higher ground across a wide area around Bantry Bay, thereby uniquely invading the coastal region of South West Ireland that is of particular natural beauty and touristic value with this extensive industrial installation.

2) Threat of surface water contamination due to a range of industrial activities directly above our property and nature reserve, including to our drinking water drawn from one of the springs that issue from the aquifer that ENERCO proposes to mine for road/site building rubble using explosives above our property.

In this regard, use of mining explosives is notable for releasing nitrates into the ground water above the various wells and springs used for drinking water on both sides of the range on the South side of the valley, as well as mobilising various metallic minerals some of which are toxic, depending on aquifer pH and flow rate (which is likely rapid on this steep ground)

Of further concern is the resulting grey water, hydrocarbon and sewage emissions into the forestry drains above our properties, resulting from an extensive, long term occupation by construction workers and industrial equipment. These drains feed valley streams used for watering vegetable plots and maintaining lakes that are an important component of the local forest ecosystem, and industrial runoff is sure to concentrate during periods of dry Summer weather.

Consequently, I suggest all those properties that use the mountain springs as ancient drinking water sources issuing from the aquifer below any construction activity by ENERCO should automatically be provided with a deep bore well on every property so affected, paid for in full by ENERCO, and to be completed before any construction work begins, as a binding condition of granting ENERCO's application.

3) Destruction of protected habitats listed under EU legislation due to construction

activities, such as amphibian breeding areas.

4) Environmental disturbances in a quiet valley due to packing in 14 very large 560 foot tall turbines, which will dwarf the hillside ridges, particular on the north side of the valley, ruining an ancient and scenic landscape, and rising to high elevations above numerous properties causing shadow flicker and turbine noise.

## Conclusion

While I am broadly in favour of renewable energy, and built my own successful pv system without a grant, as well as planting and shaping a large acreage of native species forest including the capture of over 1000 tons of carbon, far exceeding my own lifetime production...

stringent standards should be applied to wind farms that propose to dig up the local wilderness flora and fauna, and ancient upland landscapes, detailed in other objections, causing serious disturbances in sensitive and unique Irish landscapes, when it comes to siting towering industrial installations above scenic, inhabited West Coast valleys, part of an extensive and world famous tourist industry area, for minimal overall gain in energy production in terms of European requirements. These installations belong inland on high remote regions, or offshore, or near cities where they blend in to the artificial landscape, not marching down West facing hills on to coastal villages and towns, and towering over people's homes, where they will dominate the landscape and ruin the appearance of the entire West Coast region.

If such a poorly sited project is allowed to proceed, it will embolden companies like ENERCO to push for still more invasive installations in the coastal landscape, and from this point of view should be regarded as a vital test case with far reaching implications for the future of tourism and natural assets. Turbine companies have built their way valley after valley to the fringe of the utmost West, and they should come no further.

Yours sincerely,

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