



Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's
name

Nora and Micheal Bishop

(b) Observer's
postal address

Glencreagh, Bantry, Co. Cork. P75 KV76

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal
address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

The agent at the postal address in Part 2

Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Coimisiún Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**

(for example: 300000)

324165

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

10 year planning permission for Maughanaclea Wind Farm consisting of 14 no. wind turbines, a 110kV substation and 110kV underground cabling connection and associated works.

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Maughanaclea, County Cork

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word limit** as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Objection to Proposed Maughanaclea Wind Farm Development (Ref: ACP-324165-26 / 324165-26).

I wish to formally object to the proposed 10-year planning permission for the Maughanaclea Wind Farm development near Kealkill and the Mealagh Valley consisting of 14 wind turbines, a 110kV substation, 110kV underground cabling connection and associated works.

My home is located directly opposite the area proposed for this industrial-scale development, and I believe this proposal would have a devastating and irreversible impact on the landscape, visual amenity, environment, tourism value and overall character of this unique area.

Grounds for Objection

1. Destruction of Visual Amenity and Landscape Character

This proposed development would fundamentally alter and industrialise an area of exceptional natural beauty. The scale and number of turbines proposed would dominate the landscape and permanently destroy the existing panoramic views currently enjoyed by residents, visitors and walkers.

The visual impact would be overwhelming and unavoidable for those living directly across from the site. The turbines, associated infrastructure and substation would introduce large-scale industrial structures into an otherwise unspoilt rural and scenic environment.

This damage would be permanent and cannot be mitigated.

2. Proximity to Strategically Unsuitable Areas

The proposed wind farm is immediately adjacent to areas identified within the County Development Plan 2009 as strategically unsuitable for wind farm development.

5. Grounds

It is deeply concerning that such a major industrial project is being advanced in close proximity to areas already recognised as inappropriate for this type of development due to landscape sensitivity and environmental considerations.

This proposal appears inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the County Development Plan and raises serious questions regarding proper planning and sustainable development.

3. Impact on Tourism and Recreational Amenities

The proposed development will be highly visible from several tourist routes and community recreational amenities, including the Sheep's Head walkway network.

The Mealagh Valley area is recognised for its scenic beauty, walking routes, peaceful environment and unspoilt landscape. Tourism and outdoor recreation are vital to the local economy and community identity.

The introduction of 14 industrial wind turbines into this landscape would significantly undermine the attractiveness of the area for visitors, walkers and nature tourism.

The visual intrusion on established scenic routes and walking trails would negatively affect the experience of residents and tourists alike.

4. Industrialisation of a Sensitive Rural Area

This proposal represents an inappropriate industrialisation of a sensitive rural and scenic landscape.

The cumulative impact of:

- 14 large-scale wind turbines,
- extensive access infrastructure,
- a 110kV substation,
- underground cabling,
- excavation works,
- lighting and associated construction activity

would permanently alter the rural character of the area.

This is not a minor or temporary development. It is a major industrial project with long-term consequences for the environment, local amenity and quality of life.

5. Impact on Residential Amenity

5. Grounds

As residents living directly opposite the proposed site, we are extremely concerned about the long-term effects on our homes and daily lives, including:

- visual domination of the landscape,
- shadow flicker,
- noise disturbance,
- loss of enjoyment of our property,
- stress and diminished quality of life.

The scale and proximity of the proposed turbines are wholly incompatible with the peaceful rural environment in which we live.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse planning permission for the proposed Maughanaclea Wind Farm.

This development would cause unacceptable and irreversible damage to the visual amenity, landscape character, tourism value and residential environment of this area and would constitute an inappropriate industrialisation of a sensitive and scenic rural landscape.

Yours faithfully,

Micheal and Nora Bishop
Glencreagh, Bantry, Co. Cork

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office.

You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to request the Coimisiún to hold an oral hearing, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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