

I wish to submit a formal objection to the proposed wind farm development at Slieveacurry planning reference ACP NO PAX03.324270.

My objection is based on cumulative impacts, residential amenity, infrastructure concerns, and insufficient assessment of local environmental and community effects.

Cumulative impact / existing wind farm

The area already contains an operational wind farm of approximately eight years' duration. During this time, there have been reported issues requiring turbine removal, reconstruction, and significant remedial works. This raises concerns regarding long-term operational reliability and whether the cumulative impact of further development has been properly assessed.

Residential amenity and health concerns

The proposed development would further industrialise a rural residential area and significantly affect the character of the landscape.

Within my household, there is a person with epilepsy. While individual triggers vary, environmental factors such as noise, sleep disruption, and shadow flicker can be of concern for vulnerable individuals. I therefore believe the potential impacts on health and well-being require full and cautious assessment under the precautionary principle.

Noise, shadow flicker, and disturbance

The combined effects of existing and proposed turbines raise concerns regarding noise, low-frequency sound, and shadow flicker. These impacts should be assessed cumulatively rather than in isolation.

Telecommunications and infrastructure

There are ongoing issues in the area with television and mobile phone reception. Further development risks worsening these problems. A full independent assessment of telecommunications impacts and mitigation measures is required.

Construction and traffic impacts

The development would involve significant construction activity and abnormal loads, with implications for road safety, local infrastructure, and ongoing disruption to residents.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I request that An Bord Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed development. At minimum, a full independent assessment of cumulative impacts on health, amenity, infrastructure, and communications should be required before any decision is made.

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