



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

Maureen & John McMahon & Family

(b) Observer's postal address

Bayview, Ballinroe, Miltown Malbay, County Clare
V95 YNE2

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

Not Applicable

(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)

PAX03.324270

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

Slieveacurry windfarm.

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

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

townlands of Tooreen, Fahanlunaghta More, Glendine

North, Curraghodea, Silverhill, Cloghaun More,

Letterkelly, Doonsallagh East, Knockalassa,

Slievealoughaun and other townlands, Co. Clare.

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).

We wish to strongly object to the proposed windfarm development in our locality as above: reference number 324270

We feel that these turbines would be in too close proximity to our house and the houses in our locality.

We feel it would have a negative impact on the whole area, its natural beauty and the wildlife in the area. We feel that our area already has enough turbines and that we are being targeted for more.

We feel that it would ruin tourism in our area, some of our neighbours have air b&b's and depend on tourism for their livelihood.

Through increased traffic and the transport of large components this would lead to road wear and would require modifications like road widening and junction upgrades. Our roads are already in disrepair and are not suitable for all the heavy machinery and trucks. If you travel the local roads you will notice that they are already in poor condition due to use of local lorries and farm machinery which would not be anywhere near the scale of destruction which would be caused as a result of constructing turbines in the area.

The destruction of water and carbon reservoirs will also be detrimental to the locality. Our water quality is already in decline and it is important to maintain lakes such as these for bio diversity and water for our local community.

We are not opposed to creating renewable energy sources so long as it does not adversely impact peoples health, well being, homes, neighbours, friends and communities which it will do if more turbines are added to this area.

The goal of these windfarms and renewable energy is to reduce the emissions of fossil fuel and decrease the amount of greenhouse gasses in our atmosphere. Cutting down forested areas for these turbines contradicts the sustainability as trees take in carbon monoxides and release oxygen into our atmosphere reducing greenhouse gases and therefore contradicting the goal of creating sustainable energy.

Removing forested areas and digging out boglands to install turbines defeats one of the key climate benefits since forest and bog already act as a natural carbon sink

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

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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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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