

To:  
An Coimisiún Pleanála,  
Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1.

Case Reference: PAX92.324370,  
Proposed Littleton Wind Farm, Littleton, Co Tipperary

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to strongly object to the proposed Littleton Wind Farm and the impact it will have on Derryvella and the surrounding landscape, including the impact on the people who live here.

I live locally at E41 Y1F1 and I value the importance of Derryvella Lake and the surrounding area. The lake is an integral part of our community and has become a cherished and appreciated place for walking, wildlife, fishing and where we can enjoy nature.

#### **What is being proposed**

- 11 industrial-scale wind turbines
- Up to 200 metres to blade tip
- Road adjustments, infrastructure, drainage works and construction activity

#### **Existing wind turbines in the wider area**

We already have a very high concentration of wind turbines in this part of Tipperary. According to the Littleton Wind Farm Environmental Impact Assessment Report there are 12 operational and 4 constented wind farms (128 in total) within 20km of the proposed development.

Because of this, I believe we are already carrying a very large share of national wind farms in this area and the area is becoming increasingly dominated by wind energy infrastructure.

Adding another 11 large turbines here would further intensify that pressure on one rural community.

#### **Derryvella Lake – Community, Amenity and Cultural importance**

Derryvella Lake is of exceptional importance to the local community.

It is a place of daily recreation, walking, fishing, wildlife observation and quiet reflection. It is not simply a landscape feature, it is a living community amenity that supports physical and mental wellbeing, particularly in a rural DEIS area where access to high-quality natural space is essential.

The applicant's own assessment identifies a **Substantial-Moderate visual impact** at Derryvella Lake. The introduction of 200 metre turbines in proximity to this landscape would fundamentally diminish its sense of tranquility, natural character and recreational value.

### **Visual impact and the landscape**

The turbines are simply too big for this landscape, at 200m height the turbines will dominate the skyline and will permanently change the character of the area.

This is especially important around:

- Derryvella Lake walking routes
- The surrounding bogland landscape
- Local homes and rural roads

The experience of the lake today is open views, peace, tranquility and a natural, recovering landscape. These turbines would seriously damage that.

### **Archaeological and Cultural Landscape Significance**

The wider landscape surrounding Derryvella Lake is also of significant archaeological and cultural importance.

This area lies within a historically rich landscape associated with early monastic and medieval activity in County Tipperary.

Most notably, the Derrynaflan Hoard (**including the Derrynaflan Chalice**) – one of the most important archaeological discoveries in Ireland – was found in the wider area.

### **The Reen viewing area**

We also have a very special local viewpoint at The Reen, outside Glengoole village, which is used by locals and visitors to our area.

- It is one of the best natural viewing points in the area
- It looks out over a wide, open rural landscape
- It is valued for its peace, scenery and natural beauty

I am concerned that:

- The turbines will be clearly visible from The Reen
- They will dominate the view
- They will take away the natural, unspoilt character of the landscape

This is a real loss of amenity for the community.

### **Protected and threatened bird species**

My concerns are not solely visual. The applicant's ornithological documentation records a number of birds of conservation concern in the area:

- **Whooper Swan** - a wintering flock roosts on a flooded cutover-bog to the north of the proposed turbine array
- **Golden Plover** – Annex I, Red-listed in Ireland
- **Hen Harrier** – Annex I, with birds recorded foraging in the site and occasionally roosting on the bog margins
- **Kingfisher** – Annex I
- **Common Tern** – Annex I
- **Lapwing** – Red-listed
- **Curlew** – Red-listed

These are not insignificant observations, they demonstrate that the wider bog and wetland supports birdlife of genuine conservation importance.

Annex I of the EU Birds Directive (2009/147/EU) lists vulnerable, and endangered wild bird species, and one of the key rules for Annex 1 is that deliberate actions that cause significant disturbance during critical breeding or rearing periods **must** be prevented.

### **Key Concerns**

I am asking the Board to consider:

- The very large scale of the turbines (200m)
- The cumulative total of wind turbines in the area
- The visual impact of Derryvella Lake and the The Reen viewpoint
- The effect of wildlife, water and habitats
- The loss of local amenity and sense of place
- The long-term impact on the community and landscape

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Littleton Wind Farm.

I ask that this submission is fully considered as part of the decision making.

Yours faithfully

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Signed: *Mary Fitzgerald*