

Make a Planning Appeal

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Check if you can appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála

1. What type of appeal are you making?	First-party appeal (I lodged the original application to the planning authority)
2. Select the statement that applies to you	I am the appellant
3. Throughout the appeal process, we may issue correspondence to the appellant/agent as selected above by email. Please confirm that you are satisfied to receive correspondence by email	Yes

Appeal type

****This section will determine the type of appeal you wish to make and calculate the fee involved. If you qualify for the reduced fee, only that amount will be charged.****

4. Is your appeal solely under Section 48 and/or Section 49 of the Planning and Development Acts?	Yes
5. Do you wish to request an oral hearing?	No
6. Please confirm the following fee details are correct:	Yes

Appellant/company details

****This section is for details of the person/company who is making the appeal. If you are an agent submitting an appeal on behalf of a person/company, please include their details on this page. You can submit your agent details on the next page if applicable****

7. Appellant's full name/Company name	Michael Ieneghan
8. Is the appellant/company's address in the Republic of Ireland?	Yes
9. Address	Geesala Ballina Co mayo Mayo Ireland
10. Phone number	+353863113153
11. Is there more than one appellant associated with this appeal?	Yes

*Please be advised that An Coimisiún Pleanála will only correspond with one appellant throughout the appeal process. If you wish to include further appellants on the appeal you may do so in your grounds to appeal document.
If the appeal is a third party appeal, you must ensure that you have a planning authority submission acknowledgement letter for each appellant listed. This must be uploaded with your appeal documents.*

Details about the proposed development

****This section asks for details about the planning authority decision you wish to appeal****

12. Planning authority	Mayo County Council
13. Planning authority register reference number	PAX16324387
14. Address of proposed development	Muingmore Doolough Ballina Co Mayo Mayo

Ireland

Grounds for appeal

15. Attachment describing the grounds of your appeal (planning reasons and arguments)

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****You can also attach further supporting materials on the next page****

Supporting material

If you wish you can include supporting materials with your appeal. Supporting materials include photographs, plans, surveys, drawings, technical guidance documents and so on.

Please note An Coimisiún Pleanála will receive a complete copy of documents/drawings/maps that were submitted at planning authority stage. When submitting supporting material, please only include new documents. (This does not apply to third party appeals where we will always require a copy of your planning authority submission acknowledgement letter.)

If you have added attachments, submitting the form may take a few moments. Thanks for your patience.

Muingmore Wind Farm — Observation Template

Case Ref: PAX16.324387 — An Coimisiún Pleanála

HOW TO USE THIS TEMPLATE: This is a full sample observation letter with real facts already written in. Fill in your own details at the top, then keep only the paragraphs below that apply to you — delete the rest. Add a sentence or two in your own words about why the area matters to you personally; that is often the most powerful part of a letter. The paragraph on the Mayo Renewable Energy Strategy should be kept in every submission. When finished, submit online at www.pleanala.ie quoting Case Reference PAX16.324387.

Your Details (fill in)

[Your Full Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Eircode]

[Your Email Address]

[Date]

An Coimisiún Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street

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Re: Observation on Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development (Case Ref: PAX16.324387)

A Chara,

Open with a line or two about who you are and your connection to the area, e.g.:

My name is [Name]. I have lived in / owned property in [place] for [X years / my whole life / generations], and I am writing to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm.

Paragraph A — Noise

Turbines of the height proposed for this site, up to 180 metres to blade tip, are a different order of scale to anything currently in this landscape. This area experiences strong, unbroken Atlantic wind for much of the year, and I am seriously concerned about the noise these turbines would generate in those conditions, close to homes, for the guaranteed 35-year lifespan of the project.

Paragraph B — Visual Impact

My property [overlooks / is close to / looks directly onto] the proposed site. A development of thirteen turbines at this height would permanently and irreversibly change the character of this landscape, which is currently open and undeveloped.

Paragraph C — Shadow Flicker

My home falls within, or close to, the shadow flicker zone for the proposed turbine layout. Shadow flicker of this kind can have a real effect on people's health and quality of life over months and years, and I am asking the Board to look carefully at what that would mean for homes in this position.

Paragraph D — Wildlife and Environment

This area supports wildlife that would be put at serious risk by a development of this scale, including species such as kestrel, barn owl, heron, cuckoo and corncrake, as well as otters and native lizards, and it lies on a route used by migrating swans. Construction on deep peatland of this kind risks lasting damage to habitats that cannot be replaced.

Paragraph E — Blacksod Bay

Blacksod Bay is a protected site, home to rare maerl beds, seals, otters and internationally significant numbers of wintering birds. The proposed site sits on peatland that drains directly towards the bay, and construction of this scale carries a real risk of silt and runoff reaching that water, damaging habitats that would not recover within any timeframe that matters to the species living there now.

Paragraph F — Property Value

A development of this scale, this close to residential properties, is likely to have a significant negative effect on property values in the area, at real cost to families who have invested their lives here.

Paragraph G — Tourism Impact

This is a designated tourism area. The Wild Mayo Destination and Experience Development Plan, backed by Fáilte Ireland and Mayo County Council, depends on this landscape remaining wild and undeveloped. Thirteen turbines at up to 180 metres in height, visible for miles, would undermine the very qualities that strategy is built around, and put at risk the businesses and livelihoods that depend on tourism here.

Paragraph H — Alternative Sites

There are thousands of acres of land already identified and designated for renewable energy development elsewhere in the country, without the same level of harm to blanket bog, protected habitats and established communities. Where a less damaging alternative exists, I believe the Board is entitled to ask why this particular site has been chosen.

Paragraph I — Mayo County Council Renewable Energy Strategy (recommended for every submission)

Mayo County Council's own Renewable Energy Strategy, adopted only last week, identifies peatland such as this as unsuitable for wind energy development, because of the damage that construction on deep, waterlogged bog can do to carbon storage, water quality and the surrounding environment. This is the council's own considered judgement, reached independently of this application, and it is difficult to see how this development can be reconciled with it.

Close with a line making clear you support renewable energy in principle, then the standard closing, e.g.:

I want to be clear that I am not against renewable energy, and I understand the importance of it for the country. But this particular site is not the right place for a project of this scale.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Date]

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Payment details

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