Our Case Number: ABP-317560-23

An Bord Pleanála

Coillte
Dublin Road,
Newtownmountkennedy
Co. Wicklow

Date: 04 September 2023

Re: Proposed windfarm development including 13 no. wind turbines in Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and hydrogen plant in Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.
Carrowleagh, Bunnyconnellan, Co. Mayo and Curraun, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Board will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email sids@pleanala.ie quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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SID Online Observation

Online Reference
SID-OBS-001142

Online Observation Details

Contact Name	Lodgement Date	Case Number / Description
Brenda Molloy	30/08/2023 10:58:07	317560

Payment Details

Payment Method	Cardholder Name	Payment Amount
Online Payment	Richard Lowe	€50.00

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of
€

Lodgement No
LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer
☐ Yes ☐ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval
☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed
EO

Date

Finance Section

Payment Reference
ch_3NklA3B1CW0EN5FC0pQcYQS3

Checked Against Fee Income Online
EO/AA (Accounts Section)

Amount
€

Refund Date

Authorised By (1)
SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)
Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date

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The Secretary
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29th August 2023

RE: Coillte CGA Observation regarding the Proposed Firlough Farm Development, Co Mayo, Case Ref:PA16.317560

Dear Sir/Madam,

This observation has been prepared pursuant to the planning application for the proposed Firlough Wind Farm Development, Co Mayo, Case Ref: PA16.317560

As a neighbouring Landowner, Coillte CGA are concerned that the proposed project is not following established best practice guidance in relation to set back distances from neighbouring properties. Section 5.13 of the 2006 Planning Guidelines for Wind Energy Developments states that: *"a distance of not less than two rotor blades from adjoining property boundaries will generally be acceptable, unless by written agreement of adjoining landowners to a lesser distance".* It was subsequently clarified by the Department in the Circular Letter PD 6/06 (6th September 2006) that a distance of not less than two rotor blades is equivalent to two rotor diameters and that this applied to Section 5.13 of the Guidelines: *"rotor blades are to be measured according to rotor diameter, and that "a distance of not less than two rotor blades" is therefore equivalent to the two rotor diameters. This also applies to Chapter 5 (Environmental Implications), Section 5.13 and Chapter 7 (Planning Conditions], Section 7.17".*

In order to achieve a two rotor diameter separation distance from the Coillte estate for the stated turbine size in the subject proposal, turbines should be located at least 298m away from the Coillte property boundary. According to the site layout drawings submitted as part of the subject proposal, Coillte observes that the separation distances of the following turbines are well below the required separation distance:

T3 – 162m from Coillte boundary
T4 - 162m from Coillte boundary
T5 – 155m from Coillte boundary
T6 – 226m from Coillte boundary

While Coillte is very supportive of wind farm developments we would like to note that no agreement has been made between the applicant and Coillte to locate turbines within two rotor diameters of the Coillte property boundary.

We request that An Bord Pleanála takes the content of this letter into consideration in relation to any

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decision that is made in relation to the subject development.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of Coillte CGA