

To: The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
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Knockranny  
Moycullen  
Co. Galway  
18 December 2023

Appeal against the granting of planning permission  
for an increase in turbine size at Knockranny,  
Moycullen, County Galway, Galway County Council.  
Planning reference 23/225

We would like to appeal against the granting of  
planning permission for planning reference 23/225  
at Knockranny, Moycullen, County Galway on the  
following points.

- (1) The eastern sector of the site is designated  
as "Not normally permissible" and as having  
a "special" landscape sensitivity rating.  
Despite this, Galway County Council approved  
a height increase for the Knockranny windfarm.

LARES policy objective 18 prohibits windfarms from being placed in special landscape sensitivity areas. These guidelines were adhered to regarding the Tullaghmore windfarm near Maan Cross, Galway (PD/2360051). This demonstrates a lack of consistency regarding best practice guidelines from Galway County Council. The turbines within this area are the ones that will have the most impact on the communities of Knockranny, Old town & Pillaigh.

- ② The application for planning 23/225 uses the noise study from 2013 planning application 11375. This study doesn't take into account the accumulative noise of 6 now operational windfarms locally, of which none were built in 2013. What's more, the village of Knockranny, designated as high noise area had unusual and extraordinary Machinery noise for the duration of the study and so, should be considered invalid.

(3). The eastern sector of the site, designated as, "not normally permissible" and adjacent properties consist of a rich, bio diverse landscape of Native broadleaved woodland and the sources of 3 rivers which are spawning grounds for salmonoids.

Having been involved in this planning process for some 12 years, we have taken the time to visit several operational wind farms and found them to be areas sparse of fauna.

Upon the commencement of operation of the Ardara wind farm to the west of the Knockrunny site, we observed a massive influx of many species of birdlife as, we believe they fled the disturbance caused by the turbines.

We therefore ask an Bord Pleanála to consider this area not normally permissible to be a vital buffer zone of biodiversity between the above mentioned communities and the industrialised landscape of the surrounding 'Galway Wind Park' protecting the amenity for residents, ~~for~~ visually, environmentally and regarding noise.



(4) Raising the height of the turbines in the eastern sector of the site designated "not normally permissible" from 120m to 150m height will have a large visual impact on the community of Knochranney. We have concerns that due to the topography, these turbines will dominate the skyline and with it bring unacceptable disturbance, both visually, and with noise. The sun travels across the field of view daily producing shadow flicker and Knochranney Hall will offer little to no protection for our homes as it would smaller turbines or the turbines, ~~to~~ to the western side of the site.

- (5) Peat slippage risks not adequately assessed
- (8) Inadequate assessment of individual and in combination effects on ornithology.

Thank you for your consideration and we are hopeful that you take our concerns into considerations and will overturn this planning decision.

Yours Sincerely

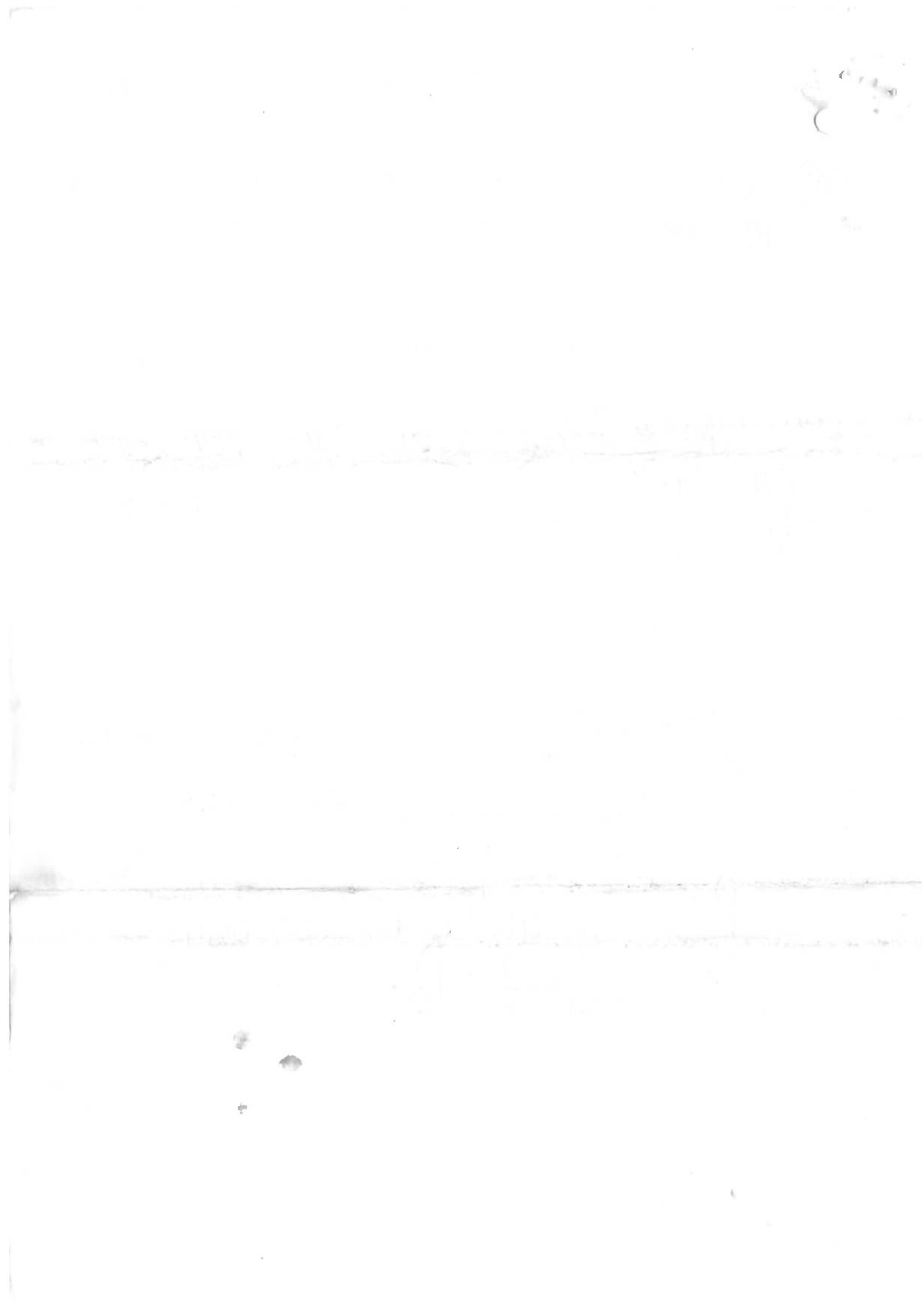
Fergus Packman

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Anne Hennessy

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P.S. We enclose €220 cash  
for the fee.





Submission No.: 150000004291



Date of Issue:  
05/07/2023 04:11pm

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Galway County Council

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE No: 23225

A submission/observation in writing, has been received from Anne Hennessy on 05/07/2023 in relation to the above planning application.

The appropriate fee of €20 has been paid. (Fee not applicable to prescribed bodies)

The submission/observation is in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and will be taken into account by the planning authority in its determination of the planning application.

Yours faithfully,  
Galway County Council



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# Submission Details

## Submitter

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| Name    | Anne Hennessy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Note    | <p>Dear sir/madam, We are submitting this as a whole family living in Knockranny (Cnoc Raithn) for 18 years. We object to the proposed development on the following grounds. Proximity: despite following guidelines we feel strongly that due to the layout and topography the proposed development does not adhere to the spirit of planning. Several of the proposed turbines would dominate our home and others due to the proximity and elevation of their situation. Skyline: The layout of the already existing turbines of Ardara and other nearby windfarms radically contravenes best practice guidelines. The accumulative effect of further development would create a chaotic skyline especially for property H017 and neighbouring families. Archaeology: The site is a rich archaeological landscape consisting of myriad examples of early Christian, iron age, bronze age, and medieval structures, field systems and burial grounds. It is an unusually rich landscape within the local context. Galway Local Authority Renewable Energy Strategy: County Development Plan 2022-2028. The Knockranny site has been reclassified as "not normally permissible" for windfarm developments and turbines T1, T2, T5, T8 and T13 fall within this area. Wildlife: The Knockranny site represents a pristine buffer for wildlife between the surrounding villages and the already existing windfarm developments. the lived experience here is of an exodus of wildlife from Ardara into the Knockranny community as the Ardara development became operational. Noise: Several households are already experiencing adversity from noise from the newly operational Ardara site, 3.2 Km from our home. The addition of the even closer proposed development at Knockranny would cumulate in significant increase in this already disturbing effect. thank you for your consideration' yours faithfully, Anne Hennessy Fergus Packman Selkie Hennessy-Packman Synjen Hennessy-Packman Dualta Hennessy-Packman</p> |

## In relation to application

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| File Number | 23225                                           |
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