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File With

SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 318723

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 29/12/23
from Marginalised Residents of Doon East I recommend that section 131 of the Planning
and Development Act, 2000 be/not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):
No new material planning issues

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage.

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Section 131 to be invoked — allow 2/4 weeks for reply.

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Signed

Daniel & Connor

EO

Date

1/2/24

Signed

SEO/SAO

Date

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Please prepare BP — Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission.

To

Task No

Allow 2/3/4 weeks

BP

Signed

EO

Date

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Date



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LDG No: 069143-24
B40 Task No: 366488-24
Last day - 24/01/24
Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-003036

A. REILLY

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Larry Forde

Lodgement Date
29/12/2023 12:41:13

Case Number / Description
318723

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Valerie Butler

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form

☐ N/A — Invalid

Signed

Aisling Reilly
EO

Date

02/01/24

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG—

Reason for Refund

Documents Returned to Observer

☐ Yes ☐ No

Request Emailed to Senior Executive Officer for Approval

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Date

Finance Section

Payment Reference

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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

Doon East,
Rosscahill,
Co. Galway
29th of December 2023
Email: [REDACTED]

An Bord Pleanála ,
64 Malborough Street,
Dublin 1.

Planning Reference: Bord Pleanála Case reference: PL07.318723
Planning Authority Case Reference: 23225

Dear Sir/Madam,

We express our profound disappointment, objection and concern regarding Galway County Council's (GCC) decision to grant planning permission for modifications to the Knockranny Wind Farm (Planning Application 23/225). This decision, we believe, has neglected to adequately consider the numerous objections raised with GCC, including those outlined in our previous submission dated 5th July 2023.

Key Objections:

Primary Objection: Unauthorised Use of Local Road:/Alternative Access Route Needed

Our foremost demand is the adoption of an alternative route for accessing the proposed wind farm. The repeated use of our local road (L53453) has led to substantial and unacceptable disruption. The developer's history demonstrates a pattern of broken promises and disregard for community welfare. The developer's failure to display the planning site notice for the Ardderroo Windfarm, as required by GCC's planning procedures, and their decision to utilise L53453 for that development, despite prior commitments to an alternative route, has caused undue disruption and community strain, due to the developer's failure to adhere to prior commitments. No agreement exists for the utilisation of the local road (L53453) for this development. The concerns raised by the Department of Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding road infrastructure to GCC supports our demand for an alternative route.

Supporting Objections:

Safety and Health Hazards: The increased traffic will severely compromise road safety and escalate air and noise pollution, impacting the well-being of the community. The operation of heavy machinery, including the movement of trucks and construction equipment at night, will again severely disrupt the tranquillity of our area. The cumulative impact of these activities will lead to a substantial decrease in our quality of life, with increased stress, sleep disturbances, and overall annoyance.

Road Safety for Pedestrians: The lack of a complete footpath on L53453 and on the main N59 route poses a significant risk which will be further exacerbated by increased heavy vehicle traffic.

Environmental and Cultural Preservation: There are substantial risks to local wildlife, habitats (notably Natura 2000 sites), and the region's rich archaeological and historical landscape.

Absence of Monitoring Mechanisms: Despite evident concerns, such as house vibrations, no effective noise or vibration monitoring systems are in place.

This development, with its current trajectory, is unacceptable. It must be contingent and should only proceed upon fulfilling all prior planning conditions, commitments by the developer, and the adoption of an alternative access route.

We expect An Bord Pleanála to critically evaluate these objections, considering the extensive historical context and the overarching need to prioritise our community's welfare.

Yours truly,

Larry Forde (chairperson)

on behalf of Marginalised Residents of Doon East