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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal NO:_ABP_-318723-23_ **Defer Re O/H** ☐

Having considered the contents of the submission dated/ received 20\12\23 from Michael Ó Raghallaigh & Aine Ní Fhlaithbheartaigh 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

E.O.: Daniel O Connor **Date:** 31/1/24

For further consideration by SEO/SAO

Section 131 not to be invoked at this stage. ☐

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

S.E.O.: ____________ **Date:** ____________

S.A.O: ____________ **Date:** ____________

M ____________

Please prepare BP ____________ **- Section 131 notice enclosing a copy of the attached submission**

to: ____________ **Task No:** ____________

Allow 2/3/4weeks – BP____________

EO: ____________ **Date:** ____________

AA: ____________ **Date:** ____________

Seanbhaile

Maigh Cuilinn

Co. na Gaillimhe

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19ú Nollaig 2023

AN BORD PLEANÁLA
LDG- 069059-23
ABP-
20 DEC 2023
Fee: € 50.00 Type: M/O
Time: By: Post

An Rúnaí

An Bord Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street

Dublin 1

Gnó: Cead Pleanála ag Cnoc Raithní (Knockranny), Na hArd-Doiriú (Arderroo), agus Leitir (Letter), Maigh Cuilinn, Co. na Gaillimhe

Iarratasóir: Western Power Developments Teo.

Uimhreacha Thagartha: Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe 23-225 agus 13/829, An Bord Pleanála: 07.243094

A Chara,

Ba mhaith liom achomharc a dhéanamh in aghaidh cinneadh Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an togradh thuas a cheadú.

Ábhar an Achomhairc – Fáthanna agus Argóintí

Is ceantar Gaeltachta an ceantar seo. Ta cosaint speisialta do cheantaracha Gaeltachta i bPlean Forbartha Chontae na Gaillimhe 2022- 2028. Soiléiríonn Caibidéal 13 é seo, alt 13.6

> The Council is mindful that the county contains the largest and most populous Gaeltacht in the country which is of immense importance and requires careful consideration to ensure it is both preserved and promoted at every opportunity to ensure the long term growth and vibrancy of An Ghaeltacht.

Is léir ó mhuintir an cheantair go bhfuil buairt maidir leis na himpleachtaí a bheadh ag an togradh seo ar chaighdeán maireachtála na ndaoine agus sábháilteacht agus áileacht na timpeallachta. Tá muintir an cheantair buartha faoi impleachtaí torainn, solas luaineach agus folláine na timpeallachta. Tá líon mór tograí ceadaithe cheana fhéin agus gan fiú meastóireacht suas chun dáta déanta ar a gcuid impleachtaí. Ag an staid seo, tá an Ghaeilge agus cultúr na Gaeltachta leochailleach. Caithfear aird a thabhairt agus togradh á mheas nach gceadófar togradh a chuirfeadh bac le daoine an ceantar a roghnú mar áit chónaithe nó a chuirfeadh fonn ar dhaoine an ceantar a fhágáil. Chuirfeadh sé seo isteach go mór ar phobal na Gaeilge agus ar chúrsaí cultúrtha sa cheantar.

Ón alt céanna, 13.6:

> Any development proposals, which in the opinion of the Planning Authority would have a significant negative impact on the Irish language and An Gaeltacht, will not be permitted.

Measaim, nach bhfuil dóthain staidéir déanta ar impleachtaí an togradh seo ar theanga agus cultúr na Gaeltachta. Measaim go mbeadh droch thionchar ag an togradh seo ar an nGaeilge agus cultúr na Gaeltacha sa cheantar.

Molaimid an cinneadh seo a chealú.

Le meas

Áine Ní Fhógartaigh

Michael Ó Raghallaigh

05/07/2023

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Michael ó Raghallaigh and Aine Ni
Seanbhaile
Maigh Cuilinn
Co na Gaillimhe

Fhogartaigh

TAG: Uimh. Thag. Pleanála:
RE: Planning ref. no.:

23/225 - PERMISSION for the following: (1) Alterations to the Cnoc Raithní (Knockranny) Wind Farm (Galway County Council Planning Ref. No. 13/829 and An Bord Pleanála Ref: 07.243094 comprising 11 no. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height of 150m (an increase of 19.5m & 9.5m from 130.5m & 140.5m, as previously permitted), a rotor blade length of 68m or 69m & a hub height of 81m or 82m; associated increase in turbine foundations; & omission of permitted on-site 110kV substation & underground cabling; (2) Provision of underground electrical (33kV) & communications cabling connecting the 11 no. wind turbines to the Ardderroo wind farm substation for the purposes of connection to the national grid, including a new cable service track (with watercourse/culvert crossings) & widening of an existing access road; extension of the Ardderroo substation within the existing substation compound, including control building extension, new 110kV transformer & electrical plant & apparatus; (3) All associated site development & ancillary works above & below ground in support of the above, including site drainage & tree felling; (4) An operational period & planning permission duration to align with the existing permission (An Bord Pleanála Ref: 07.243094) is sought. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) & Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared & will be submitted to the Planning Authority with the application

i mbaile fearainn / in the townland of : Knockranny, Ardderroo, Letter

RIALACHÁIN PLEANÁLA AGUS FORBARTHA, 2001-2002 ADMHÁIL ar AIGHNEACHT nó TUAIRIM atá FAIGHTE ar IARRATAS PLEANÁLA	PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 2001-2002 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of RECEIPT of SUBMISSION or OBSERVATION on a PLANNING APPLICATION
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Tá aighneacht/tuairim faighte i scríbhinn ó Michael ó Raghallaigh ar an 05/07/2023 maidir leis an iarratas pleanála thuas.

Tá an táille cuí de €20 íoctha.

Tá an t-aighneacht/tuairim de réir na forálacha cuí de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2001 agus cuirfidh an tÚdarás Pleanála san áireamh iad nuair atá cinneadh dhá dhéanamh ar an iarratas pleanála.

AIRE

Tabhair faoi deara gur é an dáta is déanaí do chinneadh ar an gcomhad seo ná 26/07/2023

Má tharlaíonn sé nach bhfaigheann tú fógra maidir leis an gcinneadh seo laistigh de **3 – 5 lá den dáta thuas**, déan teagmháil leis an oifig seo ar an bpointe ag 091 509 308 nó ar ríomhphost ag planning@galwaycoco.ie, chun a chinntiú go gcloíonn tú le sprioc amanna achomharc an Bhord Pleanála.

A submission/observation in writing has been received from Michael ó Raghallaigh on 05/07/2023 in relation to the above planning application.

The appropriate fee of € 20 has been paid.

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.

N.B

Please note that the latest date for decision on this file is 26/07/2023

Should you **not receive notification of this decision within 3 – 5 days of the above date**, please contact this office immediately at 091 509 308 or email at planning@galwaycoco.ie, in order to ensure that you meet an Bord Pleanála appeal deadlines.

E. Keaveney

Administrative Officer, Planning

Business: Planning Permission at Knockranny, Arderroo and Letter, Moycullen, Co. Galway

Applicant: Western Power Developments Ltd.

Ref. No.: Galway County Council 23-225 and 13/829, An Bord Pleanála: 07.243094

A chara,

I would like to appeal the decision of Galway County Council to permit the above proposal.

Subject of Appeal - Reasons and Considerations

This is a Gaeltacht area. There is special protection for Gaeltacht areas in the County Galway Devlopment Plan 2022-2028. Chapter 13, section 13.6 clarifies this:

The Council is mindful that the county contains the largest and most populous Gaeltacht in the country which is of immense importance and requires careful consideration to ensure it is both preserved and promoted at every opportunity to ensure the long term growth and vibrancy of An Ghaeltacht.

It is evident from local people that there is concern about the potential implications of this proposal for the living standards of the people and the safety and beauty of the surroundings. Local people are concerned about noise implications, flickering light and the health of the environment. A large number of proposals have already been approved without an up-to-date assessment of their implications. Ag this point, the Irish language and the people of the Gaeltacht are vulnerable. It must be ensured, when proposals are being assessed, that proposals that would discourage people from settling in the area or encourage others to leave must not be approved. This would have a serious effect on the Irish-speaking community and on cultural affairs in the area.

The same section, 13.6, states:

Any development proposals, which in the opinion of the Planning Authority, would have a significant negative impact on the Irish language and An Ghaeltacht, will not be permitted.

I believe that the implications of this proposal for the Irish language and Gaeltacht culture have not been sufficiently studied. I believe that this proposal would have a detrimental effect on the Irish language and on Gaeltacht culture.

We recommend cancelling permission.

Le meas,

Áine Ní Fhógartaigh

Mícheál Ó Raghallaigh

Translation has been provided by communication section