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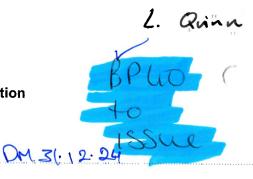
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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 16-12-24.		
from D. Boland I recommend that section 131 of the Planning		
and Development Act, 2000 be not be invoked at this stage for the following reason(s):		
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Planning Appeal Online Observation

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Deirdre Boland

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I wish to object to the proposed Lackeragh Wind farm Planning File number 2460411currently under review by Clare County Council for the following reasons.

 A recent court High Court Case ruling by MS Justice Emily Egan held that noise levels from the two-turbine Bally duff Windfarm at Kilcomb near Enniscorthy Co Wexford amounted to Unreasonable interference.

Turbines at Lackeragh are higher and more elevated than the ones in question in Wexford.

www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/noise-from-wind-farm-is-nuisance-to-neighbours-judge-says-in-landmark-ruling-

1598717.html#:~:text=A%20High%20Court%20judge%20has%20found%20that%20levels%20of% 20noise

 Wind farm regulations are outdated and were enacted when wind turbines were an average of 100 meters high, in Lackeragh the turbines are 180 meters tall on elevated ground.

www.clare.fm/news/council-calls-suspension-clare-windfarm-developments-new-guidelines-published/#:~:text=Clare%20County%20Council%20will%20write%20to%20the%20Environment %20Minister

Clare County Council will write to the Environment Minister to request that all proposed windfarms here are suspended until new guidelines on wind energy development are published.

I ask the planning section of Clare County Council to refuse this application until the guidelines are updated .

 The roads within the area are not suitable for HGV traffic as many are lanes with grass growing in the middle The L7004 is named as the route for stone delivery from a disused sand quarry, this road is a single track road not suitable for HGV traffic, see image below from planning application.



Recent forest road works at the site recently have caused extensive road damage to the Gap Road L7080 which is a tourist route. See images attached.

Clare County Council stopped Coillte from continuing with the works as the road damage was severe.

It could be argued that that works has already commenced without planning permission at the site as over 800mm in stone has been laid over an existing forest/bog road access, this is 8 to 10 meters in places, see attached images.

I ask the council for clarification on this as it seems works for Turbine Installation / HGV goods/stone/concrete delivery has commenced on Lackeragh Mountain with no regard for public safety.



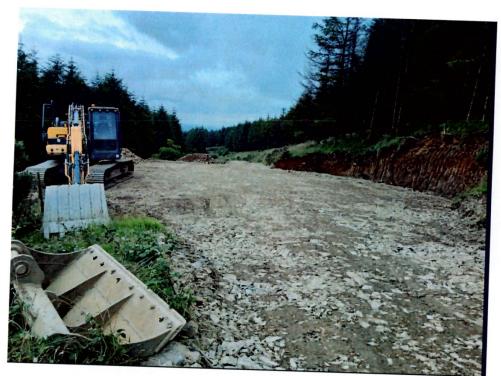
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Planning permission sign highlighted.





Damage to the L7080



Works already commencing at the site without proper planning permission.

- The height of these proposed turbines, tip height up to 180m, scale and siting on the open, exposed, and sensitive upland landscape would constitute a prominent feature on the landscape from both local and long-range viewpoints and would therefore seriously injure the visual amenities of the area.
- As a house immediately below three of the turbines, I am deeply concerned about the
 potential for landslides (Derrybrien as an example) particularly as the turbines are so large.
- I am very concerned about the potential of flooding on my site and the public road leading to my house. Removal of large amounts of forestry, and soil and the introduction of huge concrete foundations may impact or change watercourses potentially leading to flooding.
 Could this have an impact on the functioning of my septic tank?
- As a house directly below three of the turbines I am concerned the construction of the turbines could potentially cause pollution to the groundwater which might affect my household well which we drink from. Could changes to vulnerable groundwater aquifers cause permanent changes to my drinking water?
- I am deeply concerned about the potential for nuisance at home. Particularly, noise at night which may interfere with my sleep and my family's sleep. There are long-term health consequences of disrupted sleep. Additionally, I am concerned about flicker (described as a flashing fluorescent bulb) during the day and flashing lights at night that will come into my house and cause nuisance, anxiety, disturbed sleep, and detrimental health effects.

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