

File With

## SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 321285

Defer Re O/H

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated/received 16-12-24  
from Ivan O'Connell 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

Litzler

EO

Date

15-01-25.

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

Signed

AA

Date



## Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference  
NPA-OBS-004092

*Litap/isa*  
**BPHO**  
**to issue**  
*DM 31.12.24*

### Online Observation Details

Contact Name  
Ivan O'Connell

Lodgement Date  
16/12/2024 16:46:55

Case Number / Description  
321285

### Payment Details

Payment Method  
Online Payment

Cardholder Name  
IVAN CONNELL

Payment Amount  
€50.00

### Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form

☐ N/A — Invalid

Signed

*Rosa Quinn*  
EO

Date

19/12/24

### Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG— 076823-24

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

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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

Ivan O'Connell  
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The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
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16<sup>th</sup> of December 2024

Re: Case reference number PL03.321285  
Applicant: EDF Renewables Ireland Limited

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To whom it may concern

I would like to make 4 points in relation to this planned development in East Clare that are of major concern and I object to it proceeding:

1. **Air Safety and Air Navigation Risk.** The siting of the proposed wind turbines on elevated hills on the **landing and take-off approach to Shannon Airport** represents an unacceptable risk to air traffic. **The proposed development is directly on a flightpath to Shannon Airport and no mitigation measures can alter this.** Radar safety and integrity is very important in this area and any possibility of signal interference would create an unsafe environment for aircraft approaching and taking off from Shannon Airport.
2. **Confirmed Hen Harrier breeding and flight territory.** The endangered and protected Hen Harrier is present on the site. The proposed development will add further risk to this declining species that is protected under EU law. These vulnerable birds will not survive the construction work and the presence of 170m+ high wind turbines when completed and no mitigation measures can avoid this.

3. **Cumulative effect of multiple windfarm planning applications within a relatively small area.** This particular application is just one of six planned or proposed windfarm developments in this area of East Clare and the cumulative effects on this **area of natural beauty and heritage** have not been properly assessed from an environmental and health point of view. These effects will be devastating and permanent and this scenic area is **completely unsuitable for this type of development. There are many people/families/homes in close proximity to the proposed development and it is not a barren, unpopulated area.**
4. Clare County Council have recently refused planning for this development on very valid grounds and this decision should be upheld.

I trust that An Bord Pleanála on reviewing all submissions and taking into account that this area and environment is unsuitable for this type of development will refuse planning permission in this case and not allow this development to proceed any further.

Yours sincerely

**Ivan O'Connell**