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SECTION 131 FORM

Appeal No

ABP— 321285

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Having considered the contents of the submission dated received 16-12-24
from Michael Ryan, 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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Date

14-01-25.

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

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Task No

Allow 2/3/4 weeks

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Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004090

L. Quinn

BPHO DM
to issue 31.12.24

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Michael Ryan

Lodgement Date
16/12/2024 14:21:43

Case Number / Description
321285

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Bernadette Ryan

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form

☐ N/A — Invalid

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Date

20/12/24

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

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Lodgement No

LDG— 076861-24

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

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Refund Date

Authorised By (1)

SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

Chief Officer/Director of Corporate Affairs/SAO/Board Member

Date

Date

EDF Renewables Ireland Limited – Proposed turbines, Lackareagh, Kilbane, Co Clare

I, Michael Ryan, hereby submit an objection to the proposed development detailed above.

I believe that the development will destroy the local community and impact both residents and the natural environment to an unacceptable level for the following reasons:

- Severe damage to the road infrastructure and amenities for the local community during the long construction period. It is my belief that the current infrastructure is not capable of withstanding the increased level of HGV traffic. The current ongoing construction of the bridge in Killaloe is a direct example of the disruption and damage that is caused by big projects. The proposed construction area around Lackareagh is wholly unsuitable for any significant HGV activity. In addition there is evidence that pre construction works have taken place on the gap road on the L7080. Clare County Council have had to intervene and stop works being carried out by Coillte due to significant damage to culvert and road edges. Furthermore all routes into and through-out Kilbane and up-to the proposed construction area are local roads and as such would need significant upgrades at the very least to make them suitable for any increase in heavy construction traffic. This alone would cause devastating environmental damage and disrupt the lives of local residents. The planning application details the L7004 as the route for stone delivery, from stonedirect.ie which draws from a disused quarry. This road is single track road not suitable for HGV traffic. It cannot withstand the expected increase in traffic volume or size.
- The type and size of turbines have not been specified by the developer and the routes shown for transport of materials have not been specified. Indeed there has been no specific information provided regarding the volume of materials being transported to and from the site. As such the impact on the local infrastructure and community cannot be accurately quantified. It can only be assumed that the volume and consequent disruption will be colossal.
- The development will have a significant impact on the environment in the area. There is a nesting barn owl literally within a metre of the proposed transport route. The hen harriers, peregrine falcons, badgers, and pine martin, all protected species will be irreversibly affected in their natural habitat. Indeed innumerable other species, including bats which are known to be a casualty of the turbine blades, also native to this area will have their environments destroyed.
- The proposed area is in close proximity to Kilbane village which along with proposed construction routes of the L7004 is a residential area. There has been little to no mention let alone consideration for the impact that the construction and operation of the proposed wind farm will have on the residents of this area. Indeed much of the literature provided references only the proximity to Broadford and mentions nothing of the families living within the shadow of the proposed development. I raise concerns specifically over the following:
 - Disruption during construction phase – this cannot be understated and consideration must be given to the mix of residents who need to work, attend school receive care from outside of the parish and live.
 - Shadow Flicker will affect numerous houses to the West of the development as the sun rises from the East. This will intolerable to all residents affected.

- Low frequency noise during operation periods will affect houses, as the type of turbine has not been specified the noise levels cannot be accurately quantified.
- Both shadow flicker and noise will negatively impact residents and more specifically the most vulnerable residents with autism and sensory issues.
- If granted the windfarm will negatively impact the future growth of our community. It will be near impossible for new houses to be built in the area, resulting in the younger generations of our families having to move away from their homes and families.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Ryan

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