

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 12-12-24
from Shane 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

Liz Clome

Date

15-01-25.

EO

Signed

Date

SEO/SAO

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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

Date

EO

Signed

Date

AA



Planning Appeal Online Observation

Online Reference
NPA-OBS-004059

BPHO
to issue
17.10.12.24

Online Observation Details

Contact Name
Shane O' Connell

Lodgement Date
12/12/2024 15:51:11

Case Number / Description
321285

Payment Details

Payment Method
Online Payment

Cardholder Name
Shane O' Connell

Payment Amount
€50.00

Processing Section

S.131 Consideration Required

☒ Yes — See attached 131 Form

☐ N/A — Invalid

Signed

EO

Date

19/12/24

Fee Refund Requisition

Please Arrange a Refund of Fee of

€

Lodgement No

LDG— 076753-24

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)

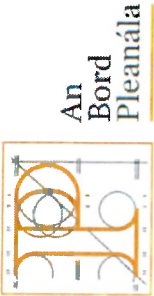
SEO (Finance)

Authorised By (2)

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

Date

Date



An Bord Pleanála

Details

Lodgement Date	13/12/2024
Customer	Shane O'Connell
Lodgement Channel	Web Portal
Lodgement by Agent	No
Agent Name	
Correspondence Primarily Sent to	
Registered Post Reference	

Lodgement ID	LDG-076753-24
Map ID	
Created By	Fergal Ryan
Physical Items included	No
Generate Acknowledgement Letter	
Customer Ref. No.	
PA Reg Ref	2460411

Categorisation

Lodgement Type	Observation / Submission
Section	Processing

PA Name	Clare County Council
Case Type (3rd Level Category)	Normal Planning Appeal PDA2000

Fee and Payments

Specified Body	No
Oral Hearing	No
Fee Calculation Method	System
Currency	Euro
Fee Paid	50.00
Refund Amount	50.00

Observation/Objection Allowed?	Yes
Payment	PMT-059854-24
Related Payment Details Record	PD-059712-24

Observation

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The development will consist of: (i) The construction of 7 no. wind turbines with the following parameters: (a) Total tip height range of 179.5m – 180m; (b) Rotor diameter range of 149m – 155m;

PA Case Number	Development Description	<p>(c) New height range of 102.3m to 105m; (ii) Construction of associated foundations, hardstand and assembly areas; (iii) All associated wind farm underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines and mast to the proposed electrical substation; (iv) Construction of 1 no. permanent 38kV electrical substation including a single-story control building with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, entrance on to new access road, all associated internal underground cabling, drainage infrastructure, wastewater holding tank, retention separator tank, and all ancillary works in the townland of Killeaghy (Goonan), Co. Clare; (v) A Battery Energy Storage System within the 38kV electrical substation compound; (vi) 1 no. permanent meteorological mast of c. 36.5m in height, associated foundation and hard-standing area in the townland of Shannaknock; (vii) The permanent upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance off the L7080 ('The Gap Road') for the provision of construction and operational access; (viii) Provision of 3 no. new permanent site entrances off the L7080 for the provision of construction and operational access; (ix) Provision of 3 no. new temporary site entrances off the L7080 for the provision of construction access; (x) Upgrade of existing tracks/ roads, including the L7080 and the provision of new site access roads, 4 no. watercourse crossings, junctions and hardstand areas; (xi) 1 no. temporary construction compound with temporary offices and staff facilities in the townland of Killeaghy (Goonan); (xii) 1 no. temporary storage area in the townland of Killeaghy (Goonan); (xiii) 1 no. borrow pit in the townland of Killeaghy (Goonan); (xiv) peat and spoil</p>
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	management, (xv) use relating to accommodate the construction and operation of the proposed development; (xvi) operational stage site and amenity signage and (xvii) All ancillary apparatus and site development works above and below ground, including soft and hard landscaping and drainage infrastructure. A 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life of the wind farm from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm is sought. A design flexibility opinion issued by Clare County Council on 22nd April 2024 accompanies this application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height, the range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and will be submitted to the planning authority with the application.
Applicant	
Additional Supporting Items	Yes

	23/10/2024
County	
Development Type	
Development Address	In the townlands of Kilbane, Killeagy (Ryan), Shannaknock, Killeagy (Stritch), Killeagy (Goonan), Ballymoloney, Magherareagh and Lackareagh Beg, Co. Clare.
Appellant	
Supporting Argument	

Shane O' Connell

Glenomra

Gortnaglogh

Broadford

Co Clare

V94 XHN6

12th December 2024

Re: Objection to Application Reference Number: 321285

A Chara,

I would like to strongly object to the planning application Ref No: 2460411 submitted by EDF Renewables Ireland Limited, which seeks to erect 7 x 180m high Wind turbines. I have great concerns for both my family and the community of Broadford/Kilbane and surrounding area. Our whole village will be surrounded by 180M meter plus Turbines, that no family should have to live close to. Looking at the application I will be within a few Kilometres of numerous turbines.

Also to note other applications have been submitted by other Energy companies to erect wind turbines in the area, with a possible 60/70 turbines in the local area.

See some of the below concerns that I would like to raise

Health risk to family

- **Mental Health:** From the constant audio and non-audible sounds that is generated from wind turbines 24/7 I feel it will have an impact on my mental health, as it stands I am very lite sleeper and constant 'Whooshing' noise along with the infrasound will have negative impact on both my family and I. As the sun sets in the evening my house will be exposed to constant flickering, which will become a nuisance and frustration.
- **Contaminated water:** We have a private well, the construction of these Turbines have the potential to contaminate our drinking water.

Destruction of Natural Bogs

I know there are natural bog located on the proposed sites. In the event of these constructed the entire Bog within this area will be uplifted and be replaced by both steel and concrete. My two

concerns are; firstly I was under the impression that Bogs were to be protected and secondly will leave us at risk to potential land slides, which has recently occurred in Meenbog Co Donegal. The amount of rainfall in recent years and the possibility of increased rain in the coming years due to Climate change will enhance the risk of landslides.

Flora and Fauna

Currently we are blessed to share our local lands with a large range of Flora and Fauna. We have numerous protected species in the area such as horseshoe bats and hen harriers. Having this wind turbines in the area will have the potential to kill or scare off numerous species of animals in the area, including wiping out their territories.

Road traffic

On the roads around Bridgetown, Broadford and surrounding roads we have a lot of HGV vehicles on the road as is, on account of the multiple quarries in the surrounding areas. The current Roads can barely cater for current traffic volumes. The roads are in bad condition at the best of times, having all this additional traffic on the road will deteriorate even further making it undrivable, therefore adding additional time on my daily commute.

Signed: Shane O' Connell