



An
Bord
Pleanála

Observation on a Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

Observer's details

1. Observer's details (person making the observation)

If you are making the observation, write your full name and address.

If you are an agent completing the observation for someone else, write the observer's details:

(a) Observer's
name

David Leonard

(b) Observer's
postal address

3 Lanahrone Avenue, Corbally, Limerick

Agent's details

2. Agent's details (if applicable)

If you are an agent and are acting for someone else **on this observation**, please **also** write your details below.

If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

(a) Agent's name

Click or tap here to enter text.

(b) Agent's postal
address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Postal address for letters

3. During the process to decide the application, we will post information and items to you or to your agent. For this **current application**, who should we write to? (Please tick ✓ one box only)

You (the observer) at the postal address in Part 1

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The agent at the postal address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the **current application** you wish to make an observation.

- (a) **An Bord Pleanála case number for the current application (if available)**
(for example: 300000)

ABP-320705-24

- (b) **Name or description of proposed development**

Nine wind turbines, 110kV substation, and ancillary development.

- (c) **Location of proposed development**

(for example: 1 Main Street, Baile Fearainn, Co Abhaile)

Various townlands in County Clare and County Limerick, including Knockshanvo and Snaty

Observation details

5. Grounds

Please describe the grounds of your observation (planning reasons and arguments). You can type or write them in the space below. There is **no word** limit as the box expands to fit what you write.

You can also insert photographs or images in this box. (See part 6 – Supporting materials for more information).

To whom it may concern,

Over the course of **many** years I am familiar with Sunyata Centre and the beautiful surrounding area incorporating the 12 o'clock hills - I applaud local initiatives to develop wonderful trails through the woodlands. To me, Sunyata is an oasis of **harmony** and **tranquility** within the desert of chaos represented by a technologically advanced, self-absorbed society. As such, I believe it serves a **unique** role as a spiritual sanctuary within the local community, wider urban area of neighbouring Limerick City and the surrounding Munster region. Many prominent Buddhist teachers from other world-renowned centres have visited Sunyata and given talks, thereby providing incredible opportunities for practitioners to learn from the Masters. It is also affiliated with regular specialist courses run for people with **mental health** and addiction problems. Put simply, it is one of the **gems** of East Clare, complementing the Burren in terms of offering a different perspective on the world.

For these reasons, I am absolutely and completely disgusted to hear of the proposed development of wind turbines in the vicinity. It feels to me like an ill-conceived, sick joke designed to illustrate the utter **contempt** that modern Ireland has for contemplation in general and mental health in particular - juxtaposing wind turbines against a meditation facility, is it even

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possible to propose a more **tone-deaf** and dumb venture??

I am not someone who is against Green energy but, that could quickly change if I see an agenda that **rides roughshod** over and is insensitive to the precious way of life of people setting an example for others to follow toward some form of **enlightenment**. I would also add that if this planning decision goes through, I will not hesitate to bring it to the attention of **influential** media organisations from abroad (The Guardian Media and CBS News) for further scrutiny, scorn and ridicule e.g. **click-bait** headlines such as *"Winds of Change Blowing through Soulless Ireland"* will likely be quite damaging to both East Clare and Ireland's image as **welcoming** places.

I will finish my observation on this **wretched** idea by quoting a line from a Joni Mitchell song

"they paved paradise and put up a parking lot"

FFS, seriously?

Supporting materials

6. If you wish, you can include supporting materials with your observation.

Supporting materials include:

- photographs,
- plans,
- surveys,
- drawings,
- digital videos or DVDs,
- technical guidance, or
- other supporting materials.

You can insert photographs and similar items in your observation details: grounds (part 5 of this form).

If your supporting materials are physical objects, you must send them together with your observation by post or deliver it in person to our office. You cannot use the online uploader facility.

Fee

7. You **must** make sure that the correct fee is included with your observation.

Observers (except prescribed bodies)

- strategic infrastructure observation is €50.
- there is no fee for an oral hearing request

Oral hearing request

8. If you wish to **request the Board to hold an oral hearing**, please tick the “Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing” box below.

You can find information on how to make this request on [our website](#) or by contacting us.

If you do not wish to request an oral hearing, please tick the “No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing” box.

Yes, I wish to request an oral hearing

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No, I do not wish to request an oral hearing

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Final steps before you send us your observations

9. If you are sending us your observation using **the online uploader facility**, remember to save this document as a Microsoft word or PDF and title it with:

- the case number and your name, or
- the name and location of the development and your name.

This also applies to prescribed bodies sending an observation by email.

If you are sending your observation to us by post or delivering in person, remember to print off all the pages of this document and send it to us.

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Initials		Initials	
Date		Date	

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