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Re: substitute consent for
the Cleenrath Wind Farm

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following the ~~erection of~~ ^{By: the} ~~site~~ ^{Post} notice, for this development, on the 26th May 2022, I wish to make the following submission and request the final abolition of this highly contentious development, which along with the present Gougane Barra Wind Farm application - of which Cleenrath is an integral part - has brought considerable disgrace on ABP and the developer.

The Cleenrath wind farm is only "exceptional" for its blatant disregard of the public and the environment, and its drawn out contentious history that attempts to run rings around "planners", 'courts' and the 'public', through its enormous financial inputs to outsmart reason and common sense on slight legal technicalities in order to make further grotesque financial gains i.e. GREED!

Cleenrath is not, as the applicant contends, a 'stand-alone' wind farm but part of an expansive development that has wiped out the Upper Lee Valley, an exceptionally scenic landscape of significant ecological, recreational and tourism worth - It is part of and attached - by cable - to the biggest wind farm on the Cork-Kerry border, the Grouserount Wind farm, and to Shehy, Derragh and Carrigaradhare - all of which were aggressively imposed on unwilling communities.

The applicant has fought tooth and-nail, intimidated and financially enticed the widespread community opposition, mocked court impositions and ignored past refusals - such that it knows very well it is on 'shaky ground'. Yet it moved with lightening speed when ABP facilitated it with a short reprieve by granting it permission - despite the fact that it and ABP knew this was heading for the Courts again! And so exceptional only in its cunningness to trample over the environment and the public -

Furthermore, the applicant's assumption that it has NO effect on Natura 2000 sites like the gearagh (code 000108) is both arrogant and presumptuous as the investigations on that are still on-going!

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ecologist.

