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dear madam or sir
please accept this document as a submission opposing Cleanrath

Substitute Consent Application

PL04.307939: Townlands of Reananerree, Cloontycarthy, Cleanrath North, Derrineanig, Cleanrath South, Milmorane, Coombilane, Rathgaskig, Augeris, Gorteenakilla, Carrignadoura, Gurteenowen, Gurteenflugh, Lyrenageeha and Lackabaun, Co. Cork

Applicant: Cleanrath Windfarm Limited

The application by Cleanrath Windfarm Limited for substitute consent has been lodged with the Board under the same law that has been condemned by the Supreme Court. Therefore there is no lawful basis for the Board to grant substitute consent. An Bord Pleanála has no alternative but to reject the application.

xii 4.18 hectares of trees were temporary felled around the turbine locations.

Since when can a tree be temporarily felled? I temporarily killed a tree?

Felling like killing, is final. The statement, “temporary felled” has no meaning. Which continues the nonsensical theme of this engagement, no joined up thinking approach. Money in the pocket and move on, leave the problems to someone else.

The Cleanrath Windfarm site, like the other rash of wind turbine sites erected all around us, is an exceptionally quiet and very dark area at night time. We appreciate it immensely.

The value of dark skies is recognised internationally and has recently been recognised in Ireland particularly for example with the Kerry International Dark-Sky Reserve.

Why are we forced to create dark sky zones and reserves? It is the very reason why residents choose to live in such areas. Most people tolerate the lack of public amenities, such as lighting and bus routes. The residents of the area around the windfarm have had the benefit of those dark skies up until now, mitigating the lack of amenities. It's a choice.

However, the erection of the turbines has seen the installation of very bright red lights on the top of each turbine tower designed to warn oncoming aircraft of the presence of the turbines. There were no equivalent lights in the area previously.

The lights by design are very bright and tend to stimulate an alarmed alert response by people who see them – specifically, but not limited to, people who are piloting aircraft.

This is a radical intrusion into the night time ambience of the area and is wholly destructive of dark sky characteristics.

The lights do not need to be seen from below.

In order to mitigate the impact, the operator should be required to install appropriate technical measures so that the lights would only come on when required such as when activated by a transponder inside an aircraft.

Lanthan Safe Sky have the required system which has received certification for this specific issue in Germany.

This should now become Mandatory, and be retro-fitted to all turbines that are not removed for being too close to human habitation 10x height of turbine, 1500m.

Irish Aviation Authority Air Traffic Management Operations states that aircraft can fly no lower than 152m in non-residential areas.

The aircraft must maintain an altitude of 152m, over the top of Shehy 542m and mountainous regions around the upper Lee valley.

In over 3 decades looking at and enjoying Shehy mountain, and the surrounding uplands over to Renaree, not once have I seen an aeroplane or helicopter go close to the mountain.

Pilots are clever people and the sophisticated equipment helps them avoid hazards, they have to fly above the height of mountains. Granted, the new turbines intrude on the skyline, dwarf the mountain and all the surrounding landscapes.

It is appalling that you have such little regard.

Local home owners regularly have permissions to build dwellings refused on the grounds of spoiling the scenic amenity.

Given that total Study Area around “ the Cleanrath project” alone has a combined population of 1,335 persons, and there are a further 4,456 people living in similar situations in the locality, thousands of people do not want to see these turbines on all the unspoilt upland

-Put them in Ringaskiddy, not so far to deliver them, you will save the Tax-payer €millions on Police Escorts alone, 32x turbines, 352 Police Escorts of 2hrs and more, each way...?

A lot of wasted money.

-Wanton destruction of every habitat on earth goes into making the turbines.

-The 5 years of daily rock breaking in the mountains creating noise that carries for many miles causing noise pollution.

-Heavy machinery on the roads causing havoc to local traffic and spilling diesel everyday by our gateways, being washed into the river, not to mention the amount of fuel consumed by this farce.

- xiii The construction phase lasted for approximately 16 months. Many construction workers and materials were sourced locally, thereby helping to sustain employment in the construction trade. Is that so ?

Locals are employed? if Limerick, Galway, Donegal, Tipperary and Lithuania are local to west Cork

- It is not safe to walk on the road as “site vehicles” drive disrespectfully fast up and down continuously.

The list goes on. So does the EIAR REIAR NTS.

Take the machines to appropriate locations, close to factories and other dense noisy well-lit locations

Do not allow an Application that has been turned down by the Supreme Court.

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