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Observation on a Planning Appeal: Form

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LDG- 030187-20
ABP- _____
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Your details

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

Your full details:

(a) Name

Nikki O' Sullivan.

(b) Address

Derrineanig, Renaniree, Macroom, Co. Cork

Agent's details

2. Agent's details

If an agent is acting for you, please **also** provide their details below. If you are not using an agent, please write "Not applicable" below.

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You (the observer) at the address in Part 1

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The agent at the address in Part 2

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Details about the proposed development

4. Please provide details about the application you wish to make an observation on. If you want, you can include a copy of the planning authority's decision as the observation details.

(a) Planning authority

(for example: Ballytown City Council)

Cork County Council

(b) An Bord Pleanála appeal case number (if available)

(for example: ABP-300000-19)

ABP-306272-19

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(for example: 18/0123)

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

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Jackman, Co. Cork
Augers, Gorteenakilla, Carrigrohane, Gorteenowen, Gorteenough, Lyrnaghe and

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The site lies overlooking and adjacent to a number of domestic dwellings, certainly 637m from one dwelling and no more than 750m from others. The rural nature of such housing enjoys quiet contemplation of the countryside which was significantly impacted during the operational dates of the windfarm. The turbines generated such noise on occasion as to denigrate the day to day enjoyment of the dwelling house, as well as emitting a humming sound which felt like vibrations on windy days. The placement of one particular turbine in proximity to a cluster of houses is invasive by its very nature and disruptive to the health and wellbeing of those residing in the neighbourhood.

The turbines being some 150m in height contributes to the noise nuisance felt by the neighbouring dwellings. Thus far, the impact of noise on the dwelling houses has not had valid consideration by the Board. The Board failed to have due regard to previous objections raised pursuant to guidelines issued under section 28 of the Planning Act. Should the wind farm become operational on a full time basis, the noise emitting from same, at such a proximity to residential housing, will be relentless and incredibly disruptive. It will serve as a rapid increase to noise pollution in the area.

Whilst green energy solutions are needed, increasingly so to meet EU targets, the location of this particular wind farm is inappropriate in its proximity to residential dwellings. Given that 9 of the 11 turbines have already been constructed, we are passed the point of any objections in relation to construction traffic, demolition and altering the landscape. The mountain area is forever changed by the construction already undertaken. The primary issue now concerns the long term impact on residents of the area and ongoing aerodynamic noise nuisance leading to a reduction in the health and wellbeing of the neighbourhood.

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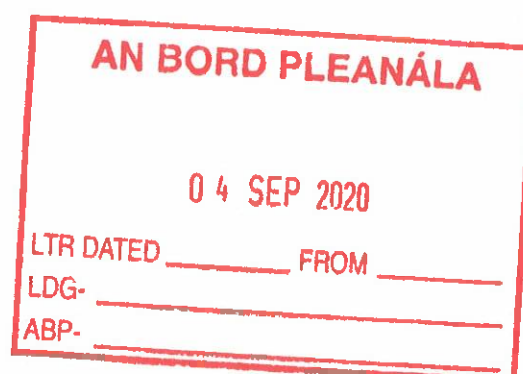
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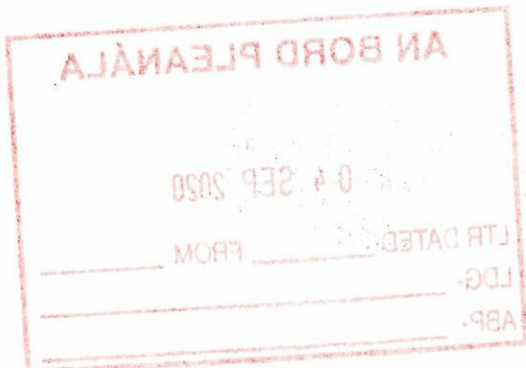
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