

Timothy and Kathleen Baker
Knockduff, DUNMANWAY
County Cork
September 2, 2020

An Bord Plainna
Re: Subsequent Permission
Cleanrath Wind Energy
306 272
Due date 14th September 2020

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Dear sir/madam:

We wish to comment upon the above planning request in respect of the dangers to health and the bogus environmental credentials of this industrial development. There must be a better way to combat climate change than filling every hilltop with Industrial Wind Turbines. We are also concerned at the desperately short timeframe in which we can obtain the information and make consultations to help us come to an informed position in this case considering the limitations placed upon us by the Covid restrictions.

Anecdotal evidence is available from around the globe of serious health issues encountered by people living close to Industrial Wind Farms. Operators who quote noise level monitoring results manage to avoid detailing the actual disagreeable nature of the noise they make. People talk of whooshes, whirs, clicks, hums, grinds and screeches. They vary between turbines, change with the direction and intensity of the wind and are unpredictable in their occurrence. Where it is a flock of birds, a hang-glider or a balloon 150 meters up there, no sane person would feel threatened but it is a machine with the weight of a steam train and rotors the size of jumbo jet wings flailing round up there. Oh, it's safe your rational mind thinks, and they will not fall down or catch fire or throw their blades hundreds of meters across the country side, but in the middle of the night when there is a creak or a groan and the bedside clock reads 33.33 can you turn over and get back to sleep or do you lie there, waiting for the next squeak and crash? My auntie used to live on a main road where the trucks used to change gear as they climbed the hill out of Wigan, but she complained that she could not sleep when she came to stay with us because the owls kept her awake!

This sort of incidental noise can cause sleep deprivation which doctors agree can lead to anxiety, stress, depression and mental impairment, and may be followed by a further deterioration in health. Irish doctors have not come across sufficient number of cases yet for it to be categorized in mainstream medical caseload and recognized as a specific issue. So there you are, suffering from depression caused by the Windfarm, keeping you awake at night and nobody believes you, or worse ostracizes you because you keep going on about it. Your doctor is unable to help you and proscribes something to help you sleep; and now you wander round in a daze all day, whilst the rotors flash in the sun for about an hour each day. The strobe effects can cause headaches, migraines and even epileptic episodes. Have you thought about moving asks your Doctor, but you cannot, who would want to live there and you have family ties with this land which was left to you by your father and in this time of stress you need the memory of his strength to get you through this.

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I want to talk briefly about the rubbish peddled by the Wind Energy industry as how they will reduce our emissions of Carbon Dioxide and help reduce Global Warming. A 'windfarm' is an industrial complex built on a prominent hillside that can be seen on the horizon in all directions. It is assembled from components brought in from overseas and erected by teams that do not live locally because of the expertise needed. It requires very little manpower in its operating mode, probably less than one fulltime job. Look at how much Carbon it actually takes to make a turbine, best estimates say that per megawatt generated: 100 tons of Steel, 400 tons of Concrete, 3 tons of Copper and 6 tons of Fiberglass. Now Steel is made from iron ore which has to be brought from Australia or Brazil in ships that run on DIESEL, and the ore is smelted using COAL, and then molten iron has to be cooled and reheated using NATURAL GAS before being rolled cut and formed by ELECTRICITY. Concrete is made from cement which is made from limestone from which Carbon Dioxide has been driven out by heat from COAL. There is nothing 'green' about these machines. Unlike mankind or trees, wind turbines cannot get together and make more little wind turbines. They are not of the environment but an engineered response aimed at offsetting our petroleum addiction. When they reach the end of their operating life, the steel and copper can be recycled but the concrete is usually left in the ground and the blades are cut up and buried locally due to the cost of transport. I read today that I am going to be charged the sum of E 96.24 per year for the privilege of having these monstrosities on my doorstep, that degrade my landscape and reduce the value of my house.

I note that the windfarm is currently in 'sleep mode' and have heard that should consent not be given, they propose to leave them in situ as they do not want to spend the money to take them down again. We hope the board will insist that they are removed, and we propose that penalties are levied if this is not completed within a certain timeframe.

I would like to talk about the criminal lack of time made available to talk to people in the community and complete this submission but I have to stop and get to the post box.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Baker', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Timothy Baker.

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1st Sept 2020

An Bord Pleanála.

CLENRATH WIND FARM
ABP - 307939 - 20
(Abp 306272)

Dear Sir | Madam

We wish to make comment on the above planning for 9 Turbines to remain on site or taken away.

These 9 Turbines dominate the hill side. (Far to tall)
If they have to stay world smaller ones be better
Ireland's wind Industry is moving to fast.

Are bigger Turbines more efficient NO there just bigger.
output depends on wind speed, and a combination of
blade diameter and generator size, bigger blades on taller
towers capture more wind to run bigger generators, but they
don't do so more efficiently, than smaller models and require
a much larger area around them. Smaller Wind Turbines are
more cost effective way to generate electricity.

Nordex Turbines are mostly made in Germany, some parts
are made in Argentina. Brazil Spain Mexico and India.

We can't build Wind Turbines on a large scale without
fossil fuels.

A future without fossil fuels may be desirable but not
currently achievable.

These Turbines are in Sleep Mode, but still need to
be maintained.

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A small flock of Birds flew over the Turbine nearest the road (which seems to go around the most) they were riding the Thermals if they were rotating around more they could have been sucked in.

It is very beautiful to walk up there and have lovely views but there are Turbines all around. Sheshy Moor Turbines just going up. Derragh and Grousemount.

Decommissioning

Are the subsidiary company solely responsible or will the Parent Company be held responsible if there are issues.

We know a Bond has to be paid to the local authorities

Health issues

People who live and work in close proximity to Wind Turbines can experience symptoms that can decrease their quality of life. Sleep disturbances can lead to anxiety and stress and depression. They can feel victimized by lack of care and understanding, when Wind Turbines are placed too close to homes.

I can't see the owners of the site shutting them down at night.

Noise and Flicker is also a big issue.

Will communities' concerns be heard.

Will local authorities do anything to help or just sweep ^{issues} under the carpet.

Surveys must be done properly and extended over longer period of time, and not solely desk top exercises.

This particular company needs to pull their socks up.

Better communication is needed.

No Sly and Underhand Working

No Bullying.

Keep to the C.E.M.P Guidelines

There must be tighter controls and Inspections regularly by local authorities

We know Cork Co Council are short of manpower and money.

The Tourist Industry is in bits especially with Covid.

Please if you can put these Turbines in Moth Balls and come down to West Cork and visit these sites and talk to people about their views. We realize this is a big ask. We believe there will be more Wind Farms covering all are hillsides which will result in more complaints

K.S. Baker

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