

Proposed Lough Ea Windfarm

15 May 2007 Deadline

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LOUGHAN NORTH COMMONS & UGOON UPPER

Development Description: for a wind farm. The development will consist of an eight-turbine wind farm (turbines will have a maximum hub height of 80 metres and maximum tip height of 127 metres), electrical substation, and 80 metre wind monitoring mast. Ancillary works will include site entrance improvements, site roads, and borrow pit. The application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement.

Comment on a Planning Permission Application

Anyone in Ireland has the right to see a planning application made to a local authority. On payment of a fee, you also have the right to make a written submission or observation on the application. The submission or observation must be made within 5 weeks of the date of receipt of the planning application (by the local authority).

Applicants for planning permission must put up a site notice and advertise in a local newspaper so you may find out about an application that way.

You are entitled to see all the documents submitted with a planning application, which will be kept at the offices of your local authority. Planning authorities cannot rule on an application until 5 weeks have elapsed from the date of its receipt.

Your comments must be in writing to your local authority. If possible, you should quote the planning application's reference number. You must quote your name and address and postal address (if different).

Your submission/observation will be acknowledged by the local authority and you must be notified of the planning decision. The fee in respect of a submission/observation is 20 euro.

Rules

Your comments must be based on planning considerations, not on personal likes, dislikes or grievances. These planning considerations include:

- National and regional guidelines and ministerial directives
- Policies and objectives of the development plan
- Policies and objectives of any local plan. A local plan shall be consistent with the objectives of the Development Plan (see Publications Section) and shall consist of a written statement and a plan or plans indicating the objectives for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which it applies. It can include detail on community facilities and amenities and on standards of design in developments and structures.
- Local considerations such as site development density, parking provision, traffic hazards, overlooking, effects on residential amenity, etc.

- Public health
- Environmental, amenity and shopping impacts
- Other material planning matters.

Anyone who has made written submissions/observations and paid the necessary fee will be informed of the decision by the local authority within 3 days of making the decision.

If you made a submission/observation that has been acknowledged by the local authority, you have the right to appeal its planning decision to An Bord Pleanála - see www.pleanala.ie. You also have the right to be informed of any other appeals that have been lodged to An Bord Pleanála and to receive a copy of the appeal.

Fee

The fee for making a submission/observation on a planning application in Ireland is 20 euro.

Where to apply

If you are interested in commenting on a planning application, the Planning Department of your local authority can advise you on the format for making a submission and how your observations should be submitted. Your completed submission/observation should be addressed to the Chief Officer of the Planning Department of your local authority

You may also be interested in reading a leaflet below from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government entitled Commenting on a Planning Application.

Built Environment ENFO - a series of leaflets on planning

http://www.enfo.ie/fr_bui_2.htm

Clare County Council

<http://www.clare.ie/planning/faqindexplanning.html>

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Opening Hours

*** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday**

*** The Planning Department and Cash Office close to the public at 4:00pm**

County Clare Development Plan 2005

http://www.clare.ie/planning/Docs/ClareCountyDevPan_2005.pdf

Leaflet - Commenting on Planning Application

<http://www.enfo.ie/leaflets/PL3%20Commenting%20on%20a%20Planning%20Application.pdf>

Commenting on a planning application

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/categories/housing/planning-permission/commenting_on_planning_application?tab=

Lough Ea

"This is a small lake set in the mountains above Feakle. It is a typical mountain trout lake full of fish averaging ½ lb. with some to a lb. It is truly wild place and access is difficult but worth the effort."

Shannon Region Official Tourism Website

http://www.shannonregiontourism.ie/individual_results.asp?SID=13484

Historical & Human Influences

The area around *Sliabh Aughty* was never heavily settled and there are few visible monuments. It is an area of rough ground that was previously common pasturage and turf production. It is largely devoid of standing monuments although the proviso should be made that it also covers landscapes farmed during the climatic optimum. Peat also preserves organic remains. Lough Ea and Maghera may have been used for ritual deposits in the past even though the land was not intensively settled. On the northern slopes of Maghera, there is a distinct group of megalithic tombs and standing stones and nearby historic church and holy wells on the slopes overlooking Drumondoora. It is hard to describe such a concentration as anything other than a long-lived devotional and ritual landscape. Its location at the boundary between enclosed land and rough and the widespread view to the north can only have enhanced those functions.

http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/publications/clare_landscapelca_4_5.pdf

National Parks and Wildlife Service

<http://www.npws.ie/ConservationSites/NaturalHeritageAreasNHAs/>

MAGHERA MOUNTAIN BOG NHA - Site Synopsis

<http://www.npws.ie/media/Media,4410,en.pdf>

GLENDREE BOG - Site Synopsis

<http://www.npws.ie/media/Media,4122,en.pdf>

Feakle Parish

www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/places/feacle.htm

Tulla Parish

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/places/tulla_parish.htm

Community Participation in Landscape Planning and Management

<http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/publications/landscape/p8.htm>

Public Access to Locally Important Environmental Information

Current Status and Future Needs

http://www.dit.ie/DIT/built/spatial/spatial/sisresearch/pdfs/Public_Access_to_Locally_Important_Environmental_Information.pdf

RIO DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

<http://www.un.org/documents/ga/conf151/aconf15126-1annex1.htm>

We welcome your suggestions, comments, questions and contributions.

If you are aware of additional or broken links, please contact us.

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