

NEWS UPDATE

- **New planning application to be lodged soon.**

Can You Help us?

Contact any committee member if you feel you can help the group. Any financial contribution or help with fundraising would be greatly appreciated.

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Wind turbine developer threatens East Cork again!!!

Ardglass Wind Farm Ltd have announced that they are preparing another planning application at the same site that was so comprehensively rejected less than a year ago!! The same company as before, 'Enerco Energy Ltd' are behind this. They own Ardglass Wind Farm Ltd.

Following the previous planning application, there were over 250 objections to Cork County Council – such was the scale of the local opposition. The application was rejected by Cork County council last summer (2014). The developer then took the case to An Bord Pleanála. Another submission was made by the Ardglass Wind Turbine Action Awareness group – including qualified expert opinions.

Thankfully, An Bord rejected the application just before Christmas 2014. This rejection was damning with many grounds for refusal!

Residents in the area were hugely relieved to have this rejection from An Bord Pleanála and to feel that their families could sleep at night. It is incomprehensible that the same company is coming back again to the same site. Although this is not unusual – and they are doing nothing illegal – for the residents involved this is inexplicable arrogance and harassment! The opinion of Cork County council has no value! The opinion of the inspectors at An Bord Pleanála has no value! The opinion of 250 residents has no value either!!!

The new proposal

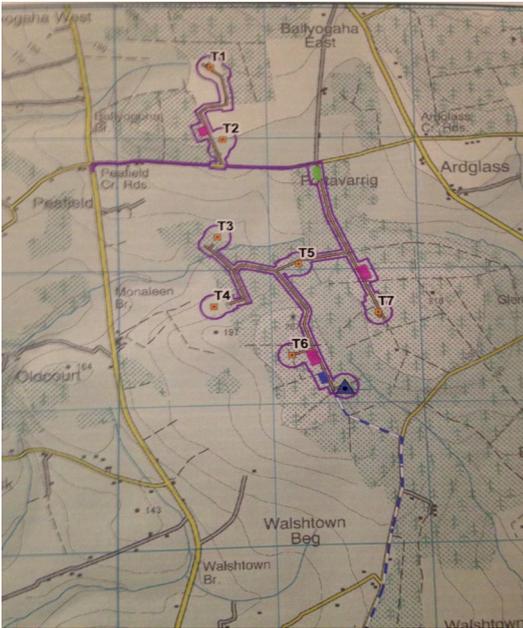
Changes to the proposed development include the following:

The number of turbines has been reduced from 11 to 7. Four are sited on Coillte land. See map overleaf for location. Three turbines (T2, T4 and T6) are in the same position as before, four are in new locations. However the spread of these turbines across the site is still significant and the visual impact will be the same as before.

The tip height has been reduced from 156 to 140 metres. These are still extremely large turbines and the blades on the hub will have the same span. Therefore the noise issues will be the same!

An Bord Pleanála previously stated 'that the proposed development would adversely impact upon the exiting residential amenities of a number of houses in the vicinity by reason of visual intrusion and noise. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.' This will not be changed!

Fundraising must continue!



Map of wind farm site with positions of Turbines (T) 1-7. The new wind farm is to be connected to the national grid via the L7593-25, I-76150-0 and L3601 to the existing 110kV substation at Carrigogna, Co. Cork (Blue and white line).

The last few years have been an extremely challenging time for fundraising as many families have been hugely stretched by the recession and popular opinion has been so pro-wind! (In the absence of any credible data on their efficiency!). This opinion is however rapidly changing across Ireland. Anyone who has visited Scotland recently will see that their beautiful highlands have been completely destroyed by industrial turbines! One planning approval always paves the way for another – and another – until the landscape is peppered with metal blades!

It is critical for our group to prepare another robust objection with expert opinion on all issues including landscape, noise and ecology. We are deeply indebted to those who helped us get this far and it is with regret that we will have to call on you again. Fundraising will continue and we are particularly indebted to several landowners in East Cork who value this area and have significantly contributed to this fight.

The developer (Enerco) will rely on the fact that our time, money and resolve will run out eventually. They underestimate the residents of this area! We will meet their arrogance with a resolve of our own!



The wind farm developers held a public information meeting in the Midleton Park Hotel on the 16th September. The purpose of this was to show 'consultation' with residents and stakeholders. They have never consulted before and do not intend to now! The opinion of the residents was clear from the protest outside!!

Public information meetings will be held locally when the planning application has been lodged with Cork County Council. We will count on your support for as many objections as before - and hopefully more! We will keep residents informed of all new developments.

See updates on www.ardglass.org, and our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/ArdglassWindfarmObjectionGroup>.

