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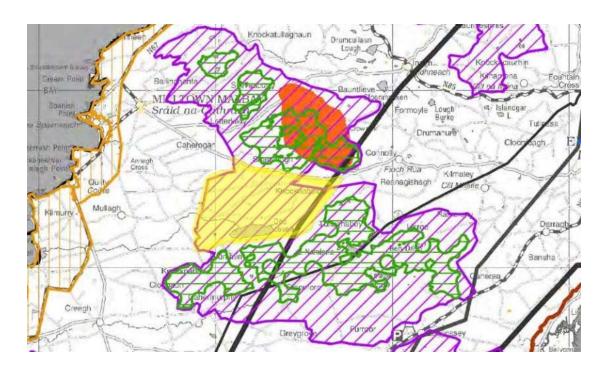
Subject: Submission to Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029

Date: 28 March 2022

To whom it may concern,

our submission concerns the designations in the Renewable Energy Strategy.

We propose to remove the designation 'Acceptable in principle (Wind Energy)' from the yellow-highlighted area on the map below and replace it with the designation 'Open for Consideration'.



Map detail, adapted from: <u>Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029</u>: <u>Volume 2 Maps, Map E:</u>
<u>Renewable Energy Strateay</u>.

This would relieve the pressure of the threat of additional turbine noise and shadow flicker on hundreds of residents in this area. Existing wind farms impacting this area are:

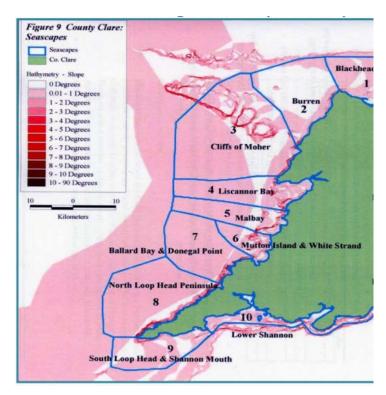
- Booltiagh Wind Farm I 13 turbines
- Booltiagh Wind Farm II 6 turbines
- Boolynagleragh Wind Farm 18 turbines
- Cahermurphy I Wind Farm 4 turbines
- Kiltumper Wind Farm 2 turbines
- Slievecallan Wind Farm (East and West) 29 turbines

It would also safeguard the protected views from Designated Scenic Route 15 (R474 from Connolly to Miltown Malbay), located in a settled landscape.



Approximate location of area (yellow-highlighted) in relation to Scenic Route 15 (R474 from Connolly to Miltown Malbay). Map detail, adapted from: <u>Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029: Volume 1 Written Statement, Map 14A: Landscape Designations.</u>

Existing views from this route include those of Seascapes Character Areas nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as views from and of Doolough Lake (see map below). This way, objective CDP14.2.III for settled landscapes would be met: 'Regard being had to the need to avoid intrusion on scenic routes and on ridges or shorelines.'



Map detail, <u>Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029: Volume 1 Written Statement, Figure 14.3: Map of Seascape Character Areas.</u>

We hope that you will consider our proposal.

Regards,

Residents of the area:

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