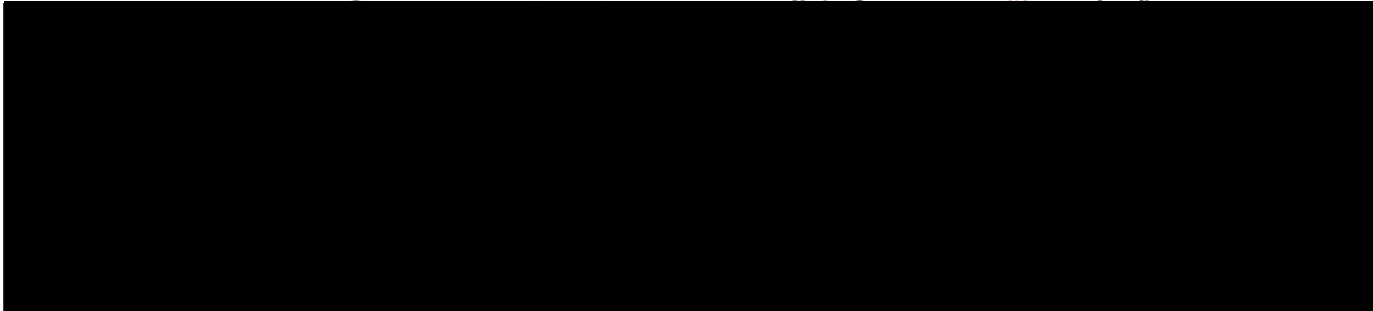


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**Subject:** Development Plan Review

Dear Clare CC,

Having read your pre-draft, I would like to offer a few points of interest.

I was delighted to read your goals regarding carbon sequestration and biodiversity. Currently land is zoned in miltown malbay as a possible area for wind turbines. The area is in Claughanmore, Curragh O'Dea, Slievecurry, Silver Hill, Glendine. Most of the

land is in GLAS schemes. It is all blanket and basin bogs meaning it is currently absorbing carbon at a massive rate. Because of the low input agriculture, it is home to many species of plants and animals and is a crucial habitat for the Hen Harrier. Obviously, wind turbines will affect this protected species.

The area is highly populated, it is an area where young people starting families these homes would become less valuable

and will quickly suffer from the undesirability. Businesses will lose out, Bird watching groups, hikers, walkers and people getting out of the cities all use the site in one way or another. People will not want to build their house in this area and therefore it will force people to leave rural Ireland buy a house in a town a city away from their home! I would like to build in this area but I will be forced to go somewhere else because this option will be taken away from me!

In the long run the community suffers, little or no jobs are created, the current turbines are owned and serviced by a german company and were recently sold to a japanese firm.

Wind turbines on shore themselves are not a good source of renewable energy. Research has shown that by the time the carbon footprint of the cement and diesel used to construct the turbines has been taken into account turbines prove to actually raise the carbon

footprint. Along with destroying habitats and scenery. The fiberglass blades (

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8294057/Hundreds-non-recyclable-fiberglass-wind-turbine-blades-pictured-piling-landfills.html>) have proven to be impossible to dispose of and so industrial wind turbines are now a quango, no real benefit to the environment

only making jobs and money for the already wealthy. [https://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl/pdf/3\\_Volume3/V3\\_4\\_Ch4\\_Metal\\_Industry.pdf](https://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl/pdf/3_Volume3/V3_4_Ch4_Metal_Industry.pdf), <https://www.factcheck.org/2018/03/wind-energys-carbon-footprint/>, <https://www.nrmca.org/association-resources/>.

The area marked also has many water springs and wells along with tributaries and streams to the Glendine river. The turbines would actually be built around the river itself,

which is against guidelines. Another issue is the soil creep and potential for land slides, currently there are areas of creep around the hills from forestry, wind turbines would obviously have a much greater affect and we would end up in a situation similar

to what has happened in Donegal. There is no great local interest in these developments, many of the board members of the GAA club will be objecting and anything that has happened in the town has been funded through grants and local collections. The people

involved mainly live elsewhere, And the rumours of the wind turbines to continue on through rockmount up to lackamore are deeply troubling considering the implications to tourism and rural development.

I would urge you to reject the application once it comes in and read all the objections. For the future I would ask that this area be re zoned as it is not suitable for wind turbines.

Regards,

Lisa Carkill

