

Aileen McGarry

From: Lonan McLaughlin [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2023 14:52
To: Planning
Subject: Re: Windfarm at Magheramore - LA01/2019/0922/F

Hello Laura,

Its not an objection I have just submitted.

Its to highlight procedural fairness and to regulate speaker's information.

Lonan McLaughlin

From: Laura Crawford <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Planning
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Sent: Monday 23 October 2023 13:12
To: 'Lonan McLaughlin' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Windfarm at Magheramore - LA01/2019/0922/F

Lonan

I acknowledge receipt of objection to planning application LA01/2019/0922/F and have forwarded to the Case Officer, Elaine Olphert for consideration in the processing of the application.

A formal acknowledgement will issue when this is uploaded to the public register.

Regards, Laura

Laura Crawford

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From: Lonan McLaughlin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 12:46 PM
To: Planning <Planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk>
Subject: Windfarm at Magheramore - LA01/2019/0922/F

To, The Planning Department at Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council,

I am writing to you as I am concerned about the content of a speaker Garth McGimpsey who will be supporting the windfarm planning application on Wednesday.

He has listed that he would like to talk about:

- It will provide low cost electricity for approx. 22,700 homes every year
- This application supports Causeway Coast & Glens transition to a more sustainable, low carbon future.
- Onshore wind is now the lowest cost of generation barr none even in a subsidy free market, and supporting projects such as Magheramore is good news for bill payers

I argue that these are not planning considerations. Therefore the speaker in question should not be allowed to voice these arguments of support.

I refer to a previous objection that was submitted by Seana McCutcheon. This objection was in relation to the recent report published by the SONI 'Transmission Development Plan NI'.

Within the report it details the current and future electricity production of the NW Planning Area (which includes the whole of the Borough):

- *"This area is characterised by a significant amount of wind generation connected to the 110 kV network and has more generation than demand."*
- *There is "currently little or no spare capacity for generation on the 110 kV system."*
- *"The planning area has considerably more generation than demand."*

Within the Planning Committee Report, it is stated that these arguments of objection are not planning considerations.

I believe the speaker's arguments above are hypothetical. They are not based on facts relating to the windfarm supplying electricity to the Borough. As stated in the Planning Committee Report, generation of electricity and grid connection is not a planning consideration. Furthermore, within the Planning Committee Report it says that the windfarm will be connected to the Agivey Cluster Substation. Who is to say that this will provide electricity to the Causeway Borough? Additionally, the objection that 'no guarantee of cheaper electricity' was deemed not a planning consideration, therefore 'good news for bill payers' should be considered the same.

Overall, the Speaker in question should not be allowed to voice the above arguments of support at the Planning Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Lonan McLaughlin