

Implementation Date: 01 September 2023

Template for Requesting Speaking Rights at the Planning Committee

The Protocol for the Operation of the Planning Committee provides for interested person(s) to register to speak on a planning application that is scheduled to be determined at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. This request must be received by the Planning Department no later than 10am on the Monday before the Planning Committee meeting via email account planning@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk.

Planning Reference	LA01/2023/0008/F
Name	Thomas Bell – bell rolston
Contact Details	Tel: Email:
Support or Objection – please tick relevant box	Support ☒ Objection ☐
Written representation summarising key points to be addressed and supplementary information in support of your case (minimum font size 10 and maximum length two sides of A4 page). <u>Representation</u> - Supportive of the recommendation and welcome the detailed consideration within the PCR. - The project followed comprehensive PAD and community consultation since 2022. It has been the subject of a detailed environmental statement with several addendums which comprehensively assesses the impacts of the development. - No statutory consultees object to the proposal including NIEA CCLT (re. any potential impacts on the Sperrin's AoNB). - The applicant has at all times been conscious of the need to avoid overdevelopment of the site and has carefully listened to community feedback through the course of the proposal to respond to points raised. This has resulted over the course of the design of the project in a reduction of proposed turbines from 12 at the outset, to 4 in the final proposal now before the committee (i.e. a reduction in number of turbines by two-thirds over the design and planning phase). - The proposal was most recently amended in December 2023, reducing the number of turbines from 6 to 4 in response to feedback received. The 2 omitted turbines were the most elevated turbines. The scheme that is now before the committee is significantly reduced and has been arrived at following careful consideration.	

6. The level of objection significantly reduced after the concession was made i.e., **before the amendment c. 1200 objections, after the amendment, merely 7 objections to the revised date.**
7. Welcome that the Council officers have reached the recommendation without needing to have engaged in any outweighing of unacceptable adverse impacts through wider environmental, economic and social benefits.
8. While we acknowledge that there were third party concerns, we consider that they have been reasonably addressed through the concessions made through careful siting and design as well as amendment through the application stage. For example, the referenced critical views from Dungiven Castle and A6 which several objections focus on, now only show partial tips of three turbines from transient locations which is not considered to amount to an unacceptable adverse impact.
9. Concerns that were also raised regarding the Benbradagh Masterplan 2024 are not sustainable particularly when the document promotes the need to for Climate Resilient Strategies to draw from renewable energy source.
10. There is significant support including from several community groups.
11. This proposal will make a positive and proportionate contribution towards tackling climate change and will deliver economic benefits in doing so.

Erratum Matters

1. Electrical output is 19.2MW – this requires updating from the previous 28.8MW (given the turbine reduction).
2. Third party representation – we previously raised a matter with the Council regarding the date of third-party representations against the date of submission/upload (post-dated the amended scheme).

The Council helpfully undertook in July 2025 to reconcile that in the PCR though this is yet to be reconciled:

*“...From: Laura Crawford
Sent: 21 July 2025 14:44
To: Thomas Bell
Subject: RE: LA01/2023/0008/F - BRS - Reps*

*Thomas
I spoke to Shane again and he has advised that this is matter that we can address by
commentary in the Planning Committee Report.
Thanks Laura*

*Laura Crawford
Business Support Officer
Tel. 02870347100...”*

To assist, please see attached summary (**Annex 1**) which shows that: -

- (i) 1247 objectors related to the original 6 turbines; *versus*
- (ii) 7 objectors relate to the amended/reduced 4 turbines proposal.

Annex 1



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ANNEX 1 - OBJECTOR TRACKER

Client	Brishey Wind Farm Limited
Project	Brishey Wind Farm
Job	ABO1027
Date	19 September 2025

Reference	LA01/2023/0008/F
Case Officer	Ms. Elaine Olphert
Date Submitted	<u>05 Jan 2023</u>
Date Valid	08 February 2023
Date amended	<u>19 December 2023</u>
Date Advertised	Last advertised 30 Oct 2024
Objections No.	7 (post amendment)
Support No.	1 (post amendment)

A. Objections x 7 (post amendment to reduced 4 turbine scheme)

ANNEX	NAME	DATE SENT	DATE PUBLISHED
1	Ruaidhri Dall Harp School	12 June 2024	13 June 2024
2	Nodlaig Brolly	18 June 2024	27 June 2024
3	St Canice's Ladies GAA	24 June 2024	27 June 2024
4	Gaelcholaiste Doire	11 July 2024	19 July 2024
5	Gemma Brolly AonTú	24 July 2024	02 August 2024
6	Dermot McElholm	04 September 2024	14 November 2024
7	Pauline McHenry	17 September 2025	17 September 2025

B. Support x 1 (post amendment to reduced 4 turbine scheme)

ANNEX	NAME	DATE SENT	DATE PUBLISHED
1	The Honourable Irish Society	27 March 2024	04 April 2024

C. Summary

- **1247** objectors to the original 6 turbines.
- 216 supporters of the original 6 turbines.
- **7** objectors to the amended 4 turbines.
- 1 supporter of the amended 4 turbines.