

Presentation to Causeway Coast & Glens Council	
Proposal:	Brishey Wind Farm
Reference:	LA01/2023/0008/F
Item:	5.1
Date:	26 August 2026
Name:	Catriona McReynolds and Nodlaig Ní Bhrollaigh On behalf of Save Benbradagh Group
	Objection

Save Benbradagh group welcome the opportunity to speak about the following:

- **The overwhelming majority of the community is opposed to the proposed development.**
- 3828 no. letters of objections, including from cultural and sports groups, and schools - "Ná Díol Ár Sliabh, Ná Scrios Ár dTodhchaí - Don't sell our mountain, Don't destroy our future".
- All objections stand: community representations are a material consideration – SPPS Edition 2 paragraph 6.224
- Disparity in Planning Committee Report - Addendum 4, in listing letters of objection as petitions, but not letters of support similarly).
- 526 letters of support.
- Benbradagh as a public amenity
- Community
- Impacts on tourism, recreation and public access to the countryside.
- Public safety

- Continued concerns regarding landscape and visual impact assessments, and cumulative impact.
- The Council's planning team share the community's concerns regarding the visual impact of the proposal.
- Decommissioning risks - to environment, communities and Council.

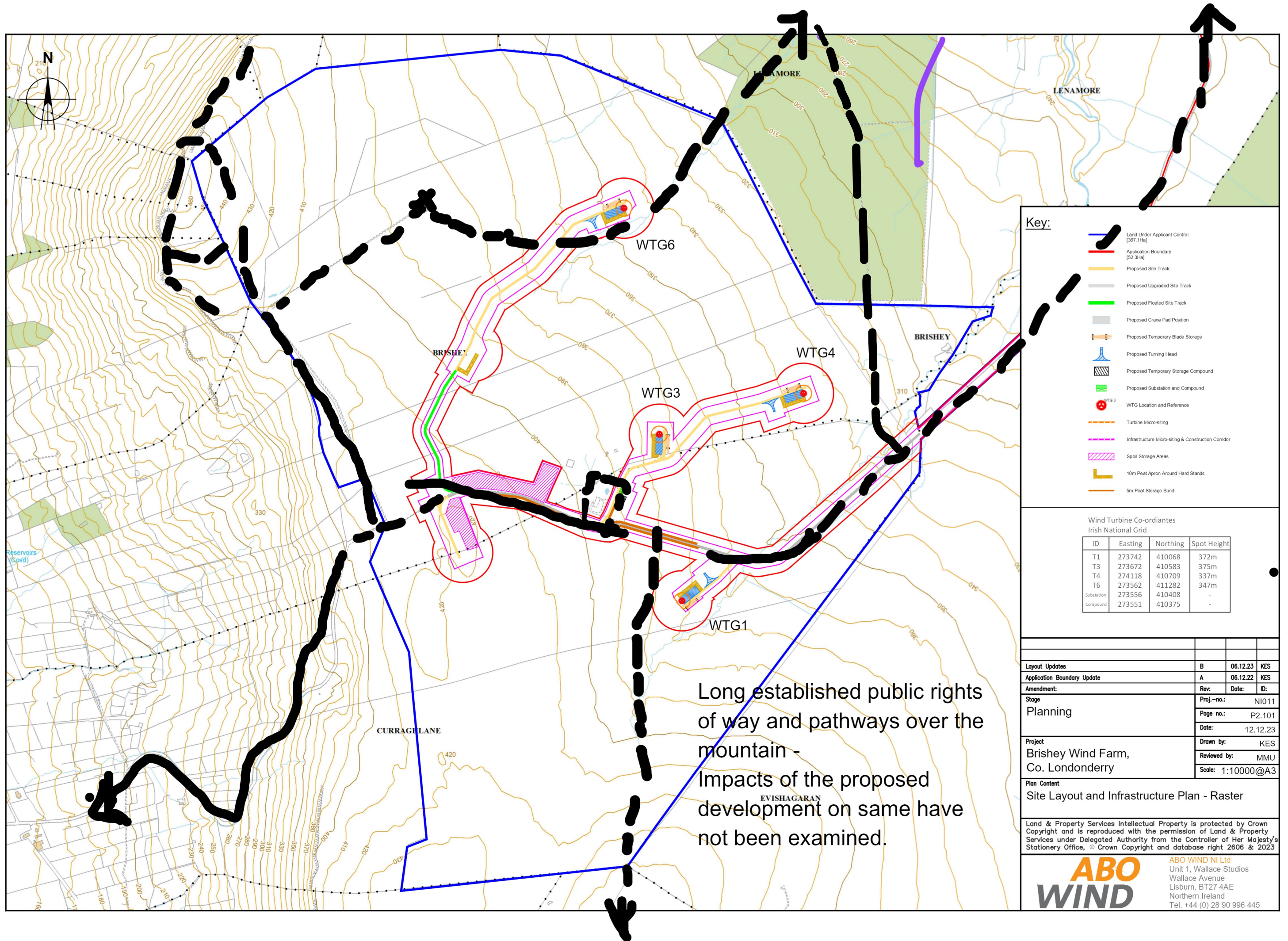
"This is our Ayers Rock" - 'Binn Fhada Rí Chiannachta' - the 'long mountain peak of the King of Ciannacht' - also known as "Hill of Thieves". Benbradagh is one of the most iconic mountains in the North Sperrins AONB, the ridgeline visible for miles within the Roe Valley and along the new A6. It is of huge cultural and spiritual significance to the local community, celebrated over the centuries in our language, folklore, poems, art, music and song, deeply embedded in our psyche and identity, and referenced in all our activities. It forms an integral backdrop to Dungiven.

The local community respectfully urge the Committee to stand with them, and with their own Planning Officers who continue to have concerns - and refuse permission for this proposed harmful wind farm development on the iconic landmark of Benbradagh.

SPPS Edition 2 paragraph 6.225 continues to advocate for a cautious approach within designated areas of outstanding natural beauty and their wider settings.

Breach of the iconic Benbradagh AONB ridgeline for a four turbine scheme would be an utter travesty and undoubtedly pave the way for further development.

Thank you.



Long established public rights
of way and pathways over the
mountain -
Impacts of the proposed
development on same have
not been examined.

Key:

- Land Under Applicant Control [367.1Ha]
- Application Boundary [52.3Ha]
- Proposed Site Track
- Proposed Upgraded Site Track
- Proposed Floated Site Track
- Proposed Crane Pad Position
- Proposed Temporary Blade Storage
- Proposed Turning Head
- Proposed Temporary Storage Compound
- Proposed Substation and Compound
- WTG Location and Reference
- Turbine Micro-siting
- Infrastructure Micro-siting & Construction Corridor
- Spoil Storage Areas
- 10m Peat Apron Around Hard Stands
- 5m Peat Storage Bund

Wind Turbine Co-ordinates
Irish National Grid

ID	Easting	Northing	Spot Height
T1	273742	410068	372m
T3	273672	410583	375m
T4	274118	410709	337m
T6	273562	411282	347m
Substation	273556	410408	-
Compound	273551	410375	-

Layout Updates	B	06.12.23	KES
Application Boundary Update	A	06.12.22	KES
Amendment:	Rev:	Date:	ID:
Stage	Proj.-no.:	NI011	
Planning	Page no.:	P2.101	
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	Drawn by:	KES	
Project	Reviewed by:	MMU	
Brishey Wind Farm, Co. Londonderry	Scale:	1:10000@A3	
Plan Content	Site Layout and Infrastructure Plan - Raster		
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Comments regarding Proposed Turbines Elevation Drawing

The proposed turbines are detailed as being overall height 150m to the tip and having rotor diameters of between 115m – 136m.

Examining a 136m rotor diameter

136m rotor diameter means the turbine blade clears the ground by only 14m – ie. 9.3% of the total turbine height.

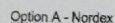
The elevation drawing tabled does not convey this – the drawing and diagrams are very clearly inaccurate and underplay the width, ground clearance, and true impact of the proposed development, and create confusion and undermine the public's understanding of scale of the proposal.

Examining a 115m rotor diameter

115m rotor diameter means the turbine blade clears the ground by 35m – ie. 23% of the total turbine height.

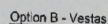
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- ROTOR 136M ROTOR DIA. (CLEARS GROUND BY ~~14M~~)
- RED OVERMARK SHOWS TRUE SCALE.



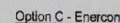
Turbine Specifications

- WTG Type : N133
- WTG Capacity : 4.80MW
- Hub Height : 83m
- Rotor Diameter: 133m
- Tip Height : 149.5m



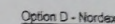
Turbine Specifications:

- WTG Type : V136
- WTG Capacity : 4.50MW
- Hub Height : 82m
- Rotor Diameter : 136m
- Tip Height : 150m



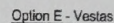
Turbine Specifications:

- WTG Type : E115
- WTG Capacity : 4.20MW
- Hub Height : 92m
- Rotor Diameter : 115m
- Tip Height : 149.5m



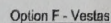
Turbine Specifications

- WTG Type : N131
- WTG Capacity : 3.60MW + 3.90MW
- Hub Height : 84m
- Rotor Diameter : 131m
- Tip Height : 149.5m



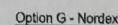
Turbine Specifications:

- WTG Type : V126
- WTG Capacity : 3.45MW
- Hub Height : 87m
- Rotor Diameter : 126m
- Tip Height : 150m



Turbine Specifications:

- WTG Type : V117
- WTG Capacity : 4.2MW
- Hub Height : 91.5m
- Rotor Diameter : 117m
- Tip Height : 150m



Turbine Specifications:

- WTG Type : V117
- WTG Capacity : 3,6MW
- Hub Height : 91m
- Rotor Diameter : 117m
- Tip Height : 149.5m

- DIAGRAMATIC ELEVATIONS GIVE VERY INACCURATE PORTRAYAL OF PROPOSAL & CREATE CONFUSION AMONGST PUBLIC AS TO SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT.

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