

SITE VISIT REPORT: Monday 24th November 2025

Committee Members: Alderman, Boyle, Callan, Coyle(Vice-Chair), Hunter, Scott, S McKillop and; Councillors Anderson, C Archibald, Kane(Chair), Kennedy, McGurk, McMullan, McQuillan, Nicholl, Storey and Watton

LA01/2023/0008/F - Lands Approximately 1.86km WSW of 175 Gelvin Road, in the townlands of Brishey and Curraghlane, approx 4.8km E of Dungiven

App Type: Full

Proposal: Construction of a windfarm comprising up to 4no. turbines (to a maximum blade tip height of 150 metres) an electrical substation/control building, internal access tracks, spoil deposition areas, temporary construction compound, delivery route junction improvements and all associated ancillary works (amended proposal)

Present: Ald Coyle, Hunter, Scott, Cllrs Kane, McGurk, McQuillan

Officials: Shane Mathers, Elaine Olphert

Comments: The site visit began at the junction of Derrychier Road/ Foreglen Road. S Mathers stated that this was the first of five intended locations from which to view the application site. He explained that the application was accompanied by a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) which included photomontages. These show both the original 6 turbine scheme and the current 4 turbine scheme. He set out that in landscape and visual amenity terms, the proposal was considered acceptable by the Planning Department having regard to the position of both the LVIA and that of NIEA PLT.

S Mathers showed members the photomontages (Viewpoint 23) which was passed around members for scrutiny. He stated that the extent of visibility was affected by weather conditions and cloud cover. The site visit then resumed at the following locations (with same attendees) where the same action occurred:

- Feeny Road A6 Flyover (Viewpoint 3)
- GAA Grounds, Garvagh Road (Viewpoint 5)
- B190 Belraugh Road, Gortnamoyagh Forest (Viewpoint 13)
- Legavallon Road (Viewpoint 15)

At the Feeny Road A6 Flyover (Viewpoint 3) a member asked if NIEA had considered the cumulative impact of the proposal including Magheramore Windfarm which was allowed on appeal. S Mathers advised that he will verify this. A member asked about views from the A6 Foreglen Road in the vicinity of the Ponderosa (bar/ restaurant). S Mathers advised this was included within the LVIA photomontages at Viewpoint 1. S Mathers showed members the photomontages (Viewpoint 1) which was passed around members for scrutiny.

At all locations weather and cloud cover conditions were conducive to see the application site.

Shane Mathers

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