

To Whom It May Concern

We are making representation in regard to the proposed energy agreement with Ireland and the United Kingdom. We would state that we have no affinity to any political or environmental parties and that our communication is purely based on the fact of what we experience in our home and the experiences of us in seeking inquiry into the authorisation of a wind farm behind our home which has severely impacted on our home and our lives.

Ireland is a nation where poor and questionable planning of all renewable projects has occurred. Many of the issues are now being seen in regard to this development and other renewable energy projects – Eirgrid Gridlink as an example and the misinformation supplied by the parties who wish to develop wind farms for both domestic and export usage. There are several cases of non-compliance in regard to European legislation and current challenges to the laws protecting citizens of Ireland in the High Court including nuisance claims against wind farm operators similar to the events that led to the Davis case in Lincolnshire England as well as more global matters such as the Aarhus agreements. Ireland's own government is incapable of setting or enforcing legislation that protects its citizens in this regard. Our own case shows clear breaches of National guidelines yet Ireland's leaders seem powerless to act to prevent the damage we have been subjected to. We would also question their motive for allowing this development as it is not in the best interests of the ordinary citizens of Ireland.

Our home is situated less than 370 metres from a wind turbine and our life has been turned upside down by the impact of living beside a Windfarm. We built our home and then found that a wind farm was granted behind it. It has visually destroyed the outlook of our home on an elevated site (pictures are attached to this email) and the noise we suffer inside and outside of our home is not what is conducive to living in a rural area – Philip is a British national and lived close to major roads and motorways but would liken this to living beside a 24 hour aerodrome. We are one of many calling on inquiries in our vicinity, these wind farms are only utilised for the domestic market and of much smaller scale than the ones being proposed to power the United Kingdom, complaints on these developments have been forwarded to the European commission as well as nationally. Our home is invaded by shadow flicker and we are in dispute with our close neighbours which may well lead to criminal proceedings as we fear for our personal safety at times.

As you will no doubt be aware there are several petitions and submissions going around Ireland about this proposal. Does Britain wish to enter the affray? We daresay anger will turn to British authorities once this development has been implemented. What happens when the damage is done and the developers leave the wind farms, having cashed in the subsidies on offer? – why are developers such as Element Power & Mainstream being allowed to assume this is a done-deal for them? – what about European competition laws? – are there no British developers? I assume you are also aware of the evident conflicts of interest between Irish Government ministers and the directors of developers here? The two main wind companies and their directors who are calling all the shots here, do not own any of the land that they wish to develop yet wish to occupy it for profit, similar to the age old English control of Ireland from which Ireland sought freedom from in its history yet businessmen purporting to be environmentally friendly wish to harm the people of Ireland by imposing their developments against the wishes of the owners of homes and land in the area. This is simply

abuse of the highest order and we make no apology for saying that given what has happened in our own home.

As British and Irish nationals we believe the transparency of this project, the suitability of the developers and their associates is not what is right for the protection of Irish citizens and we call upon the British Energy authority not to proceed with the rape of the Irish landscape, and the subsequent harming of the citizens of Ireland until such time there is a total assurance and indemnity provided by all parties including the United Kingdom that the constitutional right of Irish citizens is upheld in that their homes will not be violated and that a few individuals can not gain on the back of Ireland's assets, which wind energy has been claimed to be and is actually based on air which is referred to in the Irish Constitution. Trust us when we say the citizens of Ireland will see no benefit here – only a selective few will – the rest like us, will face misery.

The vital fact here is that Ireland intends not to be transparent with its nationals about this deal and that the deferral of any proper guidelines already delayed will likely not be done until they have sought the UK's commitment to this deal. Then of course it will be all about suiting the developers. We implore you not to go through with this arrangement unless all levels of protection have been afforded to Irish residents and a full indemnity to them has been provided to anybody affected by wind power – all this will lead to is additional legal actions ensuing. Our government is not fit for purpose in this regard and the United Kingdom would be better served by their own provision of providing their own domestic energy projects in their own kingdom to their people and not at the expense of a neighbouring country. This will cause a revolt amongst the people of Ireland and United Kingdom if it goes ahead and already the voice of the Irish people is gaining momentum against the project and this is a fact that should not be ignored by the United Kingdom.

Pull the plug now is the best advice we can give – this is of no benefit to anybody in the long run.

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