

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing today to express my concern and objection to the planning application put forward by Rhoscrowther Windfarm Ltd.

The plan outlines the installation of 3 large wind turbines to be situated within close proximity to my property..

I currently live at Nook Hill Barn, Neath Farm, Rhoscrowther, Pembroke, and the closest turbine would be within 1 mile of my property.

My concerns and objections are bullet pointed below for your attention.

- The proposed turbines are 135m in height and when taking into the consideration the height above sea level @ 45 m this will total a 180m at the turbines highest point. As my property faces the proposed direction these will significantly obscure the views of the countryside and natural beauty and even with the strategic planting of trees be nearly impossible to hide. The map included with the application is misleading and does not detail the visual impact on other villages and communities in the area. At nearly 200m they will be far more visible than the stacks at Valero. Castlemartin, St Twynells will have a direct view.
- The turbines will be lit and again visible at night 100% of the time from my property. This not only adds to light pollution but is also a huge concern when taking into consideration nesting and migratory birds in the area. Studies indicate that Manx Shearwaters are attracted to light and with their numbers in decline adding rotary turbines on a coastal ridge is only asking for a further decrease in the local population. Other protected bird species within the area include Red kites, Barnacle geese, Kestrels and Sparrow Hawks.
- Rhoscrowther Chapel and Popton Fort within a mile of the planned site also house rare and endangered Bat populations . The Bat Conservation trust have 24-hour Bat recording set up at these locations and rotating blades are known to have a detrimental effect to nearby Bat roosts. Prof. Fiona Matthews at Exeter University has written a paper outlining the effects of wind turbines within close proximity to Bat roosts. I am unaware of any Bat survey being carried out prior to this planning application being submitted. A site with larger turbines would be more dangerous for the pipistrelle bats than the original plans that were rejected.
- Noise pollution is also a large concern when living so close to the turbines. There has been no consultation with the local residents and as far as I am aware no noise level survey conducted. From a personal point of view, I am currently in the process of buying and building a holiday let at Neath Farm to aid with retirement and being so tranquil and secluded the noise levels would detract from the beauty of the location and in turn affect tourism in the area. Local campsites (Newton Farm campsite, Castle Farm campsite and other holiday accommodation will also be affected
- With the above-mentioned concerns and consulting local estate agents there would likely be a detrimental effect on my current properties price if I was to sell. Although a numerical figure cannot be calculated to quantify this, Studies by the London School of Economics (LSE) have undertaken a major study and reported earlier this year that properties within 1.2 miles of wind farms would potentially see around a 13% reduction in property value.

- Economics for the site should also be looked at, as the 3 large turbines output (KW) is insignificant and less than ONE of the planned smaller offshore turbines off the Pembrokeshire coast . How does this contribute to the green energy initiative when compared to the turbine's lifespan and carbon footprint. How long would it take for them to offset that? How do 3 turbines contribute to the national grid? if there was subsidised power for the local community that would be a start.
- Lastly the proximity of the turbines to the Pembrokeshire national park. With many areas of SSSI importance for wildlife and plant life the turbines installation would damage hedgerows, pastures and habitats during their installation with little to no benefit thereafter. The National Park boundary is less than ½ a mile (2 fields) away from the proposed site.

I hope that the objections for the application are taken seriously and that common sense prevails to stop the proposed development. The only benefit is really for the land owners who receive yearly rent from the energy companies, inconvenience payments for the installation and then can use their land to its full potential once they are installed.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards

John Morgan