

Uimhir Thagarta Uathúil: KK-C162-154  
Stádas: Submitted  
Submission: Castleblanny Wind Farm

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Comhairliúchán:  
Kilkenny City and County Draft Development Plan 2021-2027

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## Litir Chumhdaigh

I am a former resident of the area with a view to returning post lockdown. I work in the area of landscape photography and tourism.

### Observations:

#### Castleblanny wind farm

**Caibidil:** Environmental  
Reports

To whom it may concern,

I wish to thank you for this this opportunity to make a submission to the Kilkenny City and County Draft Development Plan. I am extremely concerned at the proposed changes to the Wind Energy Section in the Draft Document, more specifically the re-designation of Castleblanny, Co. Kilkenny. The Castleblanny area is renowned for its natural beauty and heritage from St. Molings Well to Jerpoint Abbey to Woodstock Estate and Gardens. The National trail the South Leinster Way that traverses Castleblanny is a magnet for both National and International visitors who come to the area for its scenic views and peaceful setting. I believe that the unspoiled countryside of Castleblanny overlooking the Arrigle Valley, Ballyhale, Inistioge, Mullinavat and Thomastown should be valued and respected for its natural heritage and idyllic views. Therefore I am requesting that the Castleblanny area is Not designated as 'Acceptable in Principle' for wind energy developments. The Kilkenny City and County Development Plan cannot be assessed in the absence of a robust and firm National Wind Energy Strategy. There can be no change to the current development plan without a National Plan. Castleblanny is currently designated as 'Open for Consideration' to Wind Energy. This must continue to be the case. I am again formally requesting that the Castleblanny area is Not designated as 'Acceptable in Principle' for wind energy developments. Regards, Damien Dempsey

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**Documents Attached:** Níl

**Teorainneacha Gafa ar an léarscáil:** Níl