



REPLY TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Reply to Notice of Motion for the November 2024 Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 25th November, 2024.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting for a variation to the Limerick Development Plan to add the following to Chapter 11 Development Management Standards, 11.7.2.1 Wind Energy:

"In addition to the above, the following local considerations will be taken into account by the Council in relation to any planning application;

- Impact on human health in relation to noise disturbance (including consistency with the World Health Organisations 2018 Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region), shadow flicker and air quality."

Response:

It is not considered necessary to vary the Limerick Development Plan as the plan currently includes an extensive list of aspects to be considered during the planning assessment of any planning application for wind energy including noise and shadow flicker. These assessments are also required as part of any Environmental Impact Assessment that would be submitted with any planning application. Limerick City and County Council requires a lower fixed noise limit for night that is below that set out in the 2006 Wind Energy Development Guidelines for Planning Authorities. It would be unreasonable to include a requirement that planning applications be consistent with the World Health Organisation's 2018 Environmental Noise Guidelines for wind turbine noise as compliance cannot be tested and therefore not enforceable.



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