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**Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting
to be held on Tuesday 13th October 2026**

Question submitted by Councillor J. O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council provide copies of all completed wind-farm noise survey and monitoring reports and to publish these reports on the Council's website or otherwise make them readily available to members of the public on request, as environmental records.

Response

The publishing of wind farm noise surveys and monitoring reports held by Limerick City and County Council publicly or online presents legal and privacy risks that differ from general noise compliance reports. Surveys and reports of investigations directly relate to individual citizens complaints at their household locations. Even with direct redaction, the location of complainants' homes can be determined or inferred breaching personal data protections. Furthermore, making reports from complaint investigations publicly available risks interfering with ongoing or future civil litigation and may unfairly single out wind farm operators.

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08 October 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor J. O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council confirm the number of wind-farm noise survey reports currently held by the Council, the wind farms to which they relate, and the dates on which the surveys were undertaken, in table format.

If the Council considers that any such reports, or parts thereof, cannot be disclosed, please identify the legal basis for withholding them.

Response

The following table (Table 1) includes the survey period for reports prepared either by Limerick City and County Council or on behalf of the relevant operator.

Table 1

Report Number	Wind Farm	Survey Period for Report
1	Athea	6 th February 2014 to 4 th June 2014
2	Athea	25 th May 2016 to 1 st September 2016
3	Athea	25 th May 2016 to 1 st September 2016
4	Athea	28 th March 2018 to 22 nd May 2018
5	Athea	26 th September 2019 to 16 th December 2019
6	Grouselodge	13 th September 2011 to 27 th September 2011
7	Grouselodge	21 st December 2011 to 28 th December 2011
8	Grouselodge	21 st December 2011 to 30 th January 2012
9	Grouselodge	17 th July 2014
10	Grouselodge	20 th January 2015 to 2 nd March 2015
11	Grouselodge	26 th May 2016 to 26 th August 2016
12	Grouselodge	26 th May 2016 to 15 th September 2016
13	Kilmeedy	2 nd November 2018 to 10 th December 2018
14	Mauricetown	16 th December 2020 to 21 st February 2021
15	Rathcahill	8 th April 2014 to 29 th April 2014

Noise survey reports prepared by applicants as part of the planning application process are a matter of public record and such details may be accessed on Limerick City and County Council's website.



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Question submitted by Councillor T Hartigan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District meeting, further to the resolution adopted by Limerick City and County Council in September 2025 concerning the referral of open and future wind-farm noise and shadow-flicker complaints to the HSE for investigation, to provide confirmation:

(a) whether all open wind-farm noise and shadow-flicker complaints held by the Council (both Environment & Planning Departments) have been referred to the HSE (please provide dates and brief details)

(b) and in light of the recent disclosure that the HSE Environmental Health Service investigated wind-farm noise complaints at the request of a neighbouring County Council (see attached), does the Council expect to fully implement Limerick City & County Council's September 2025 resolution. Please make a statement on the matter.

Response

Please find below a Notice of Motion (NOM) submitted by the Municipal District of Adare - Rathkeale. Sept 2025

- We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council request that any open and future noise wind turbines complaints and shadow flicker be referred to the Health Service Executive for proper investigation as a matter of urgency.

Response received from the HSE: 08.10.2025

The HSE role in the planning process is as a statutory consultee and has no role in the decision making or deciding on the merits of any planning application. The HSE, when notified of such applications, makes observations to Planning Authorities in the development process that it considers will add value to decision-making of the Planning Authority. These observations to the Planning Authorities are observations on the protection of Public and Environmental Health and are based on compliance with recognised Health Protection Standards.

Planning conditions in relation to noise emissions and shadow flicker exposure in the consent for a wind farm development is a health protection measure.

The HSE has no statutory function regarding the investigation of noise or shadow flicker complaints from the operation of wind turbines. Any complaints with regard to noise and shadow flicker received by the HSE would therefore have to be referred to the Local Authority that conditioned the consent for the development and has responsibility for ensuring compliance with the conditions.

Taking account of the response from the HSE, no complaints have thus been referred or will in the future unless there is legislative change.



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