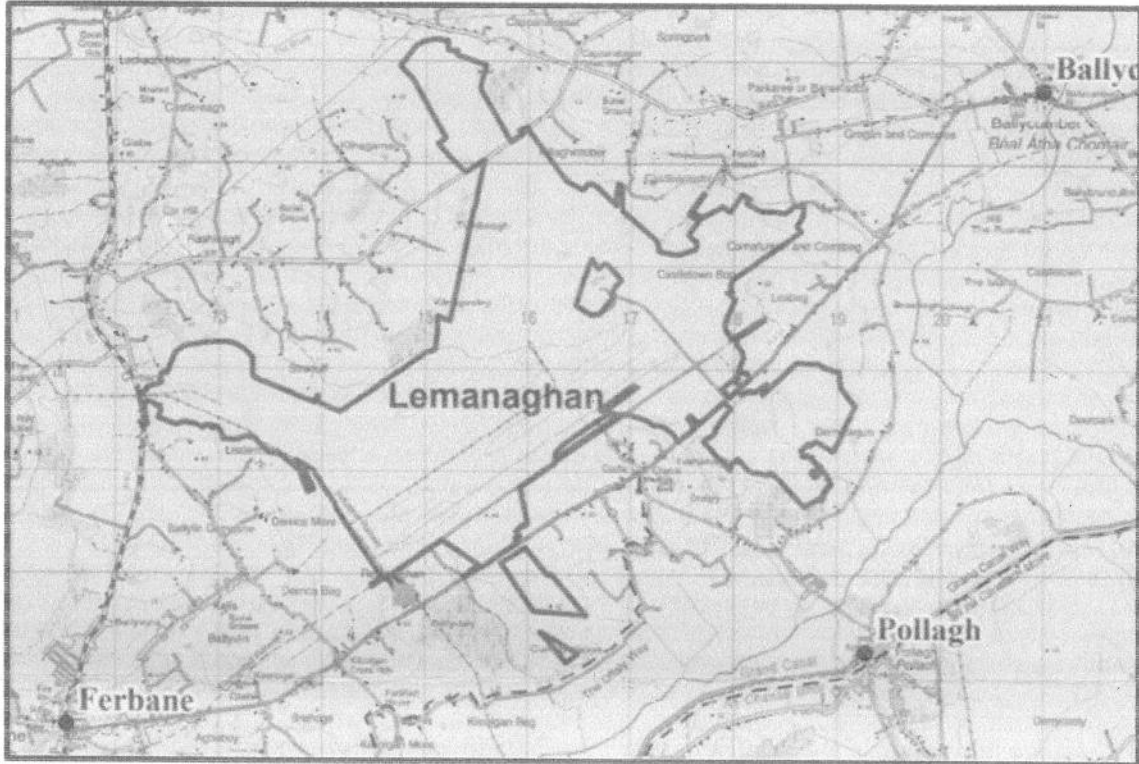


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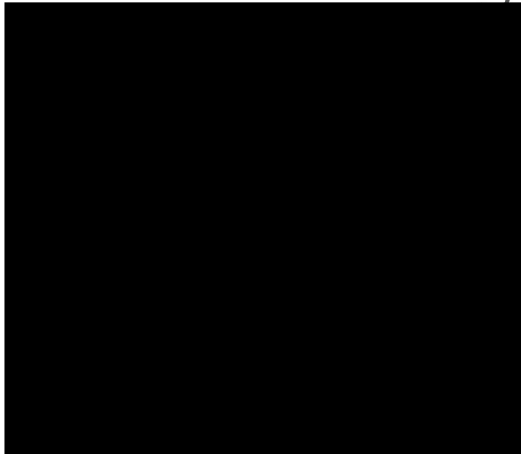
Wind Energy Strategy – Area 5: MA443



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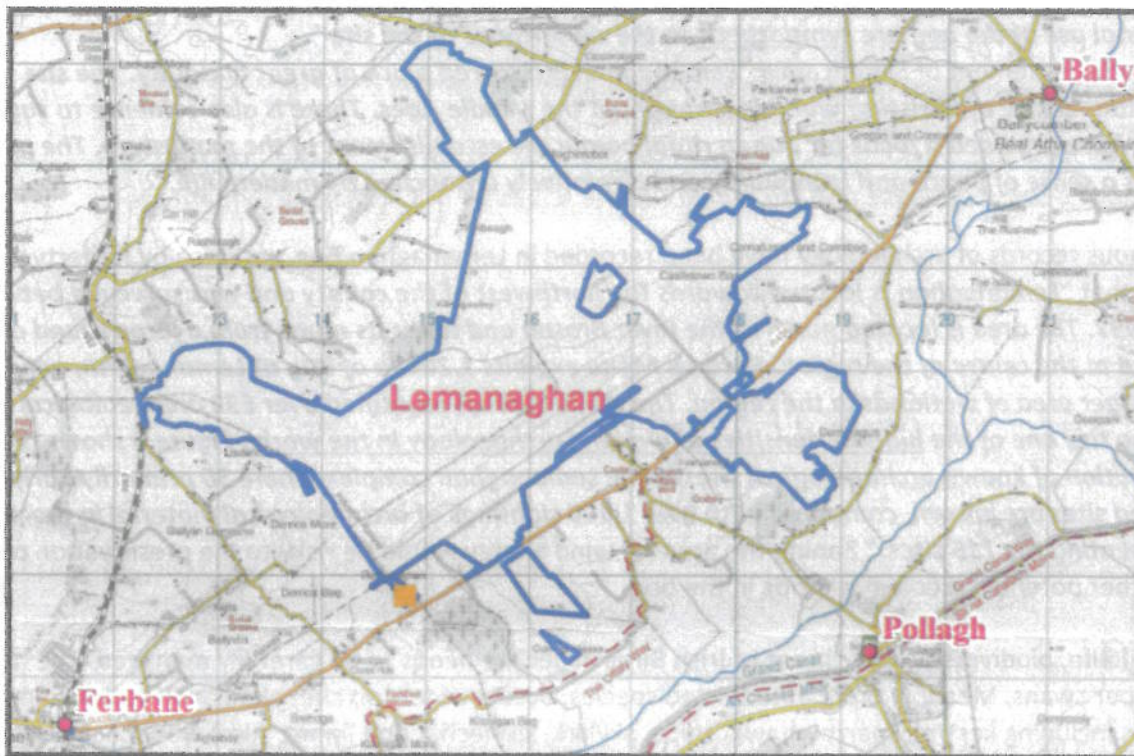
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*Please note that observations or submissions will be made public on Offaly County Council website.*

Dear Offaly County Council Forward Planning Department,

RE: MA443 & MA436 Offaly County Council: Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Offaly County Development Plan 2021-2027

Please remove Lemanaghan Bog in its entirety from Area 5 (and amend the description of Area 5 to read as 'Area generally West of Doon'. Please delete Castletown bog from the list of townlands within this area) Ref MA436, as an area open to consideration to wind energy for the following reasons:



1. Chapter 4 of the Draft County Offaly Development Plan: Biodiversity and Landscape, Page numbered 133, which identifies Lemanaghan as **"highly sensitive to new developments, which could potentially damage the historical character and the cultural and social importance of the area."**

Stating that *"The Council shall endeavour to ensure that planning applications for development, refurbishment and restoration works etc. within close proximity to these areas are sympathetic to the sensitive nature of the landscape. Acceptability of development for consideration: Very limited development subject to appropriateness /conditions. Need for Landscaping and Appropriate Design: Essential"*

Needless to point out that mapping wind turbines as open to consideration in an area that in the same county development plan is specifying "Very limited development" is contradictory and no amount of landscaping could mitigate against the visual impact of wind turbines on the horizon.

2. The 'protected zone' in the material alterations was created without a site survey and with **no specialist archaeological or historical expertise**. Many recorded National Monuments in the bog were not afforded any protection in this amendment.....MA443

