

Dear Chief Executive,, This submission relates to MA443 in the Draft County Development Plan. The proposed amendment outlines a section of land at Lemanaghan Bog known locally as the 'Banagher Line' to be removed as land 'open to consideration for wind energy'. I respectfully suggest that Lemanaghan Bog be removed in its entirety as an area 'open for consideration for wind energy'. I fully acknowledge and appreciate the responsibility we collectively share to reduce our carbon emissions, with the overarching objective of transitioning to renewable energy and protecting our environmental sustainability. However, I share the concerns of many people in the local community regarding the potential impact of such developments on the local landscape, an area rich in ecology and heritage. It is imperative that a full and comprehensive ecological and heritage study of the boglands is conducted to ensure the integrity of Lemanaghan bog is fully protected. Additionally, the heritage of the area has an important tourism and theological role within Offaly and beyond. A full and comprehensive study of the visual impact on monastive and monumental sites in the area must be considered. I urge you to look upon this submission favourably. Thanks, John Clendennen