

## Anti-pylon groups take fight to capital



Waterford County Councillor Ger Barron (Kilmacthomas), Independent local election candidate Michael Flynn (Rathgormack), Senator Denis Landy (Carrick-on-Suir) and Waterford County Councillor John O'Leary (Ballyduff Lower/Kilmeaden) at last Tuesday's rally in Dublin.

LOCAL anti-pylon groups were among those who protested in Dublin city centre last week.

Organisers claim more than 5,000 people attended the anti-pylon and anti-wind turbine march, which began at the Garden of Remembrance on Parnell Square at 11am last Tuesday and proceeded to Leinster House.

Buses from across the country brought concerned citizens to the capital for the major march, with local groups well represented.

The protest heard from speakers who outlined the concerns of people throughout the country regarding proposed pylon and wind turbine plans, including EirGrid's Grid25 which affects a large part of the South East.

Protestors were keen to stress that they were not fighting the proposals on a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) basis.

"We are not 'Nimbys', we are not Antis: we are pro-sustainable progress, progress that is economically sustainable, progress that is environmentally sustainable, and above all progress that is suitable for Ireland," said a spokesperson for ReThink Pylons.

"The pylon and wind turbine plans result from the National Renewable Energy Action Plan. However, the EU's and Ireland's RE Action Plan has been found to be unlawful by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

"The Irish state itself is being taken to task in the Irish courts for the unlawful implementation of the Action Plan in Ireland. The state is defending this case despite the fact that the UN has ruled against the EU and Ireland already. Why does Ireland do this?"

Protestors have called for a moratorium on all pylon and wind turbine projects until the Action Plan is reviewed and reassessed in light of substantial technical and engineering progress made in recent times.

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