

Carrowmore Lacken,

Ballina,

Co. Mayo

An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: PA16.318701

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly object to the proposed erection of 22 wind turbines in Glenora with a height 180m. The height of 180m is excessive in an area where the tallest building is the local Church. The Spire in O'Connell St., Dublin is 121.2m and this has to conform to the height of the buildings in the local area, which are a lot higher in Dublin than in rural Mayo. The height proposed for these turbines does not in any way conform to the surrounding area.

Glenora is an area of natural beauty and heritage and wildlife. It is home to nesting pairs of golden plover and pheasants. The turbines will disrupt and have a very severe impact on their nesting and feeding areas.

Most of the proposed turbines on this site are planned to go in forestry. When this land was originally planted the local community didn't know the land use could be changed from forestry to industrial energy production. Granting the Glenora wind farm planning permission will encourage more objections to new forestry licence applications because local people won't be able to trust that a forestry application will end in a forest and not a windfarm.

The rivers in the area are natural salmon producing rivers. The silt from the construction sites of the turbines will contaminate the Altderg, Oweniny and Srahmeen rivers. The Altderg River flows through the construction site for the turbines. The Inagh River starts in Inagh Bog, which is an NHA, beside the proposed windfarm site. It merges with Altderg River and further downstream this watercourse merges with the Srahmeen River where it becomes the Oweniny, which flows into Geesala and the Atlantic Ocean. The length of waterways that has the potential to be contaminated is enormous, along with the unspoilt countryside these rivers flow through. The natural lie of the land will be levelled in the development to make way for the roadway for the turbines, disturbing wildlife and ruining the scenery. This will also greatly increase the likelihood of peat slippage and flooding which has happened in the area in the past.

The Keerglen wind farm site is adjacent to the Glenora site and as such the two sites should be assessed together. There are already five wind farm sites planned for our immediate area. This excessive construction and the resulting forestry felling will make it impossible to travel on our local roads due to the increase in heavy goods traffic.

Also, the construction itself and the extreme increase in traffic relative to the amount of traffic currently on these roads will completely change the area. The people of our

community value the peace, quiet and the scenery. This project will change the local area irreparably.

The construction of the turbines is in an area of natural beauty and tourism adjacent to the Céide Fields which draws visitors from around the world. The Céide Fields archaeological structures could extend into this planned construction site. The height of these turbines alone will be a blot on this landscape.

Finally, I would ask you to give more weight to local submissions from residents who have local knowledge than to desk reports and surveys conducted by firms employed by the applicant.

Yours Sincerely,

Dolores Boyd