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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached additional submissions to be added for **case reference number 319307**

The observation reference numbers for the two submissions that were already made are:

SID-OBS-001879

SID-OBS-001880

Many thanks and best regards,

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Objection to proposed 8 turbine windfarm and associated works at Laurclavagh and adjacent townlands, Co.Galway

Reference no. SID –OBS-001880

To members of An Coimisiún Pleanála,

We wish to again register the following objections on behalf of our two sons, Luke aged 8 (2nd Class) and Noah aged 7 (1st class). Both children attend Castlehackett National School.

Impact of Industrial Wind Turbines within 1km of Family Homes upon health and rights at home and at school

Both children live at house H155 on road L2111 (within the 1km radius) as referenced on maps of the proposed development. Shadow flicker will have a huge impact both at home and at Castlehackett National School. The boy's home (south facing) lies within the 1km radius from the proposed development. The sun is therefore travelling gradually at the front of the house for most of the day until it sets to the west of our home. There are huge concerns that there would

be a shadow cast and cause a visual intrusion on the family home. The boys have rights to live in a home where they are safe and free from any visual intrusion that could greatly upset their daily lives.

The school would be roughly 1.1km away from the nearest proposed wind turbine number 2. All of the children have the right to attend a school where they have a safe and good learning environment. The proposed development would greatly impinge on the everyday life of each child attending the school to get their education. Imagine going to school and there is what can only be described as someone turning off and on a light switch all day in a classroom.

The adverse effects of noise and disturbance from windfarms can impact on children suffering with Autism and other neurodiverse, mental health and sensory issues. If the proposed development goes ahead then the boys would be inflicted both at home and at school, there would be no getting away from it. The boys and all of the other children in attendance at the school have a right to an education in a safe and conducive learning environment which they currently have. The health and wellbeing of children, parents and a whole community is paramount. A recent high court case that was taken by two couples Webster and Rollo, Shorten and Carty (08/03/2024) highlights the fact that there is noise from wind turbines. The judge found that the noise levels from the two-turbine Ballyduff Windfarm amounted to "unreasonable interference" with the enjoyment of the two couples' properties. See reference list for full article.

The noise during the construction of the windfarm would greatly impact on the boys both at home and at school. Extra traffic on already busy roads that would occur during the construction of the windfarm has to be taken into consideration. The roads in the area are not suitable to transport the large components required to construct wind turbines. The use of side roads by HGV's and other large construction vehicle's where two cars can only pass one another with caution is totally out of the question.

The school is all inclusive and caters for all children's needs both now and should be able to continue to do so with prospective students in the future. If a well-informed parent(s)/guardian(s) has to choose between a school with wind turbines overshadowing it and another school, it will be no contest as they would

choose the school without wind turbines. The proposed development would directly impact the rights of families and children that are living in our community.

- Constitutional Rights

Article 40.3- right to bodily integrity

Article 41-protection of the family

Article 43-property rights

- European Convention on Human Rights

Article 7-respect for private and family life

Article 24 rights of the child

Article 37 environmental protection

- The Aarhus Convention

Article 1 the right to live in an environment adequate to health and wellbeing

Article 4 right to access environmental information

Article 6 public participation in environmental decision making

Article 9 access to justice

Visual impact to the area and environmental/biodiversity both at home and at school

The view that the boys have from their house is one of great scenic beauty and they are two children that genuinely love, appreciate and respect the area where they live. From a young age both boys love the outdoors in any kind of weather! They love to help planting vegetables in the grow boxes, tending to and planting all types of flowers for our pollinator friends the bees, stopping to look at new born calves/lambs, putting out birdfeed in the colder months for the birds in the garden, planting trees in our field and watering plants from our rain harvester tank. The boys are great when it comes to recycling and you can rest assured that they will have placed the item in the correct bin. Should the proposed development go ahead the view from the front of the home where the boys live would be drastically different. It would be completely strewn with gigantic industrial sized wind turbines casting shadows, emitting noise and having a huge negative impact on a daily and nightly basis.

Castlehackett National School is set in idyllic countryside with a beautiful view of Knockma while the boys are on their trip both to and from school. The closest proposed turbine to the school would be approximately 1.1km. The wind farm development would cause untold damage to all of the rich biodiversity in the area. The boys have climbed Knockma many times and always ask questions about Queen Maeve, the history of the area, plants and animals. The view from the top of Knockma is spectacular (again we invite decision makers to come and visit the area). The proposed development is completely out of character with the local scenery of the area.

From the point of view of two small children together with their parents, we ask that the above objections are taken into consideration. We ask that the health and well-being of our family and community be to the forefront when making a decision on this development. We patiently await your response.

Yours sincerely,

Luke and Noah Mc Donnell

References

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