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Laurclavagh proposed wind farm  
 ABP-319307-223  
 Submission to An Coimisiun Pleanala.  
 Re proposed Laurclavagh renewable energy.  
 Development (Case Ref PA07.319307)

I Robert Mahon from post code H54wk12 Pollacossaun, cummer, Tuam, county Galway has read in detail, the further submission made by Enerco to commission Bord Pleanala. To permission to a wind farm at Laurclavagh. I honestly don't agree with the response. As it will greatly impact me and my family.

Outdated wind turbine guidelines.

Again I urge that this planning application should be refused. As the 2006 guidelines that still exist are outdated. Wind turbines that are 740 metres from my home at 185 metres are too large and too close. This will prove to be a nuisance in noise, shadow flicker and infra sound. Going off these guidelines will result in hefty fines from Europe if it goes ahead.

Planning permission

If this project goes ahead it will shatter my life long dream of building my own home on the land I worked all my life. It's my right to live in my home in peace and free from nuisance noise, shadow flicker and infra sound. I note that wind turbine companies have placed objections on new planning permission all across the country. Banks won't even give loans if they know that the applicants are planning to build in the area of a local wind farm due to resale value can fall up to 70%. If a tenant suffers from tinnitus, from the infra sound, or can't sleep from the noise and needs to sell their house. Who would buy it due to being on a noisy discomforting wind farm. Look at the mess the residents of Cloghan in county Offaly are in right now.

Destroying the bio diversity.

The company stated that it will replace trees and hedgerows. That's a pathetic compensation for the 100s of years it took to grow to where it is today. Full of birds, bats, bees, birds of prey such as the hen harrier, peregrine falcons, ravens, sparrow hawks and buzzards.

Hedgehogs, stouts, rabbits, hares, foxes and badgers.

The EU pays us farmers through the Acres scheme to protect biodiversity, plant trees and hedges for the birds and bees. The applicants for this wind farm want to destroy it by removing 1800 metres of hazel, willow, ash and hawthorn. Renewable energy in madness. Refer to Habitats directive (92/43/EEC), birds directive (2009/147/EEC) and the water Framework directive (2000/60/EC)

Noise pollution.

The fact that this wind farm that is being proposed in the middle of nearly 5000 people and two schools. This is in breach of our constitutional right

Article 43.2

1 The state recognises that the exercise of property rights may be regulated by the principles of social justice.

2 The state may, as occasion requires, delimit by law the exercise of these rights with a view to reconciling their exercise with the exigencies of the common good.

We are also protected through the planning laws.

'A hand full of cars on the road.'

The applicants stated that only a hand full of cars on the road.

Jim and Catherine Mahon land lords at the end of our road have 2 cars. Their son Ross has one car. Jim also uses his tractor to access and exit the farm.

Next house from the end. Gearoid, Cora, Jack and Abbey Mahon have 4 cars in that home.

Next house. Martin, Rosanne and myself. 3 cars one tractor.

The Crokes household. Vincent, Ann, Karen and Jason. 3 cars, 1 teleporter and three articulated trucks.

Brian and Pauline Connolly, 2 cars.

Mary and Tommy Langen 2 cars.

Shane and Mags Connolly. 2 cars and one horse truck.

Patrick and dolly Connolly, 2 cars, 5 tractors, and a teleporter.  
Mary Byrne, 1 car.  
Treasa, Sinead and Seana Mahon, 3 cars.

Clearly the applicants didn't cover counting in all its years of education. A 'handful of cars.' Is false information.

Also our lane way L 61461 is used by, bin lorry's, an post, recreational road walkers, cyclists and also horses are seen to be walked from there sheds to the fields on connollys stud farm. If this planning goes ahead, our small line way will lose all of this.



Laurclavagh is known for its seasonal hunting and vermin shooting. It's a seasonal event that I and many of my friends, locals and land owners look forward to get out and use the area for recreational use. Even just to walk the land and go down and see the kilcurriv stones and wonder what they're were for and why our ancestors built them. Laurclavagh is amazing area for bird watchers, spending big money on a good set of binoculars is something you would not regret. To catch a glimpse of the hen harrier, kestrel, peregrine falcons, buzzards and sparrow hawks, as well as other birds of prey that commonly visit the area. This is all at great jeopardy if plans for this wind farm goes ahead. All will be destroyed overnight. Instead of natural landscape, we will have roads, destroyed hedgerows, and land fenced up with no unauthorised entry signs everywhere.

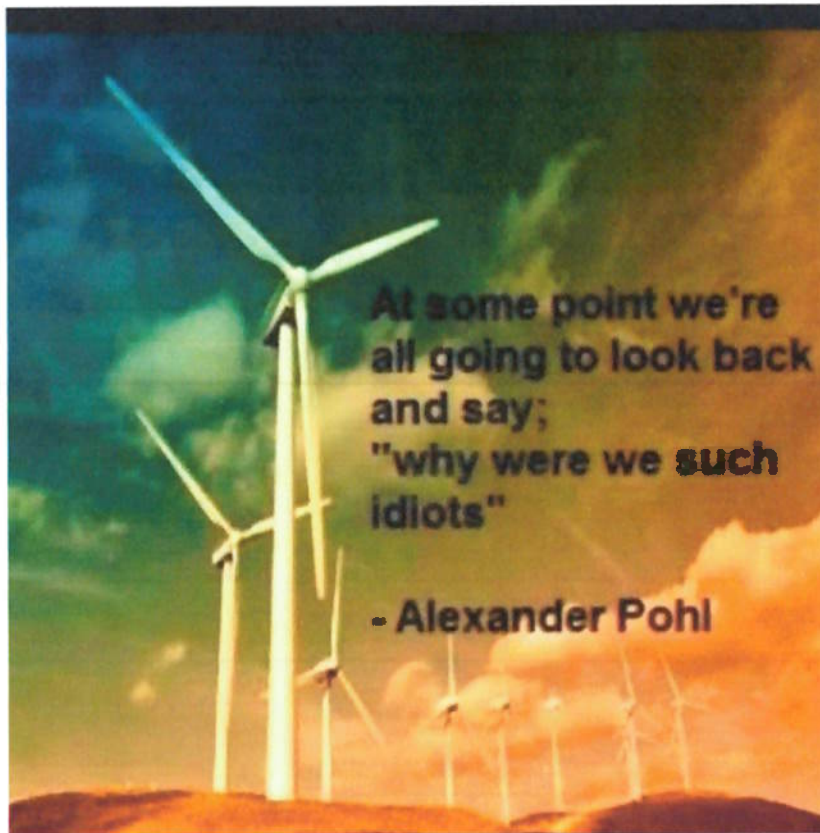
We are connected to the N83. One of the busiest roads in the country. Enerco have failed in any of our fears in safe passage out of this dead end road. The N83 has a traffic flow of 880 cars per hour on a two way hourly flow. It's a major employer route on the way to Galway city. The applicants say there will be 80 to 100 construction vehicles per day, I believe there will be a lot more as a project of this scale. The road road on the N83 will become disastrous In delays for work and schools, will also will endanger road users. This site is not suitable for this wind farm.

This area is known for flooding. I fear the construction of the roads and the large wind turbines will add to more flooding. Blasting and rock breaking could pollute or water ways, lough corrib and our private drinking water schemes. As Laurclavagh is over cast limestone rock.its not uncommon when Harringtons concrete and quarries, in Ardgaheen, Claregalway which are only 6.4 Kilometres away. When there blasting, you can feel a frightening shock wave go through the house, discomforting my dogs, upsetting my livestock and horses in the local area. The impact of the blasting and rock breaking for 8 industrial size wind turbines will be catastrophic for Laurclavagh.

See picture of flood, coordinates (53.4367892,-8.9146261)



Alexander Pohl. Ex banker. Activists. Headwind 21 created great awareness on wind farms and the extensive carbon footprint they have. The damage the cause. The mining in the third world the need. The nature and lives they destroy



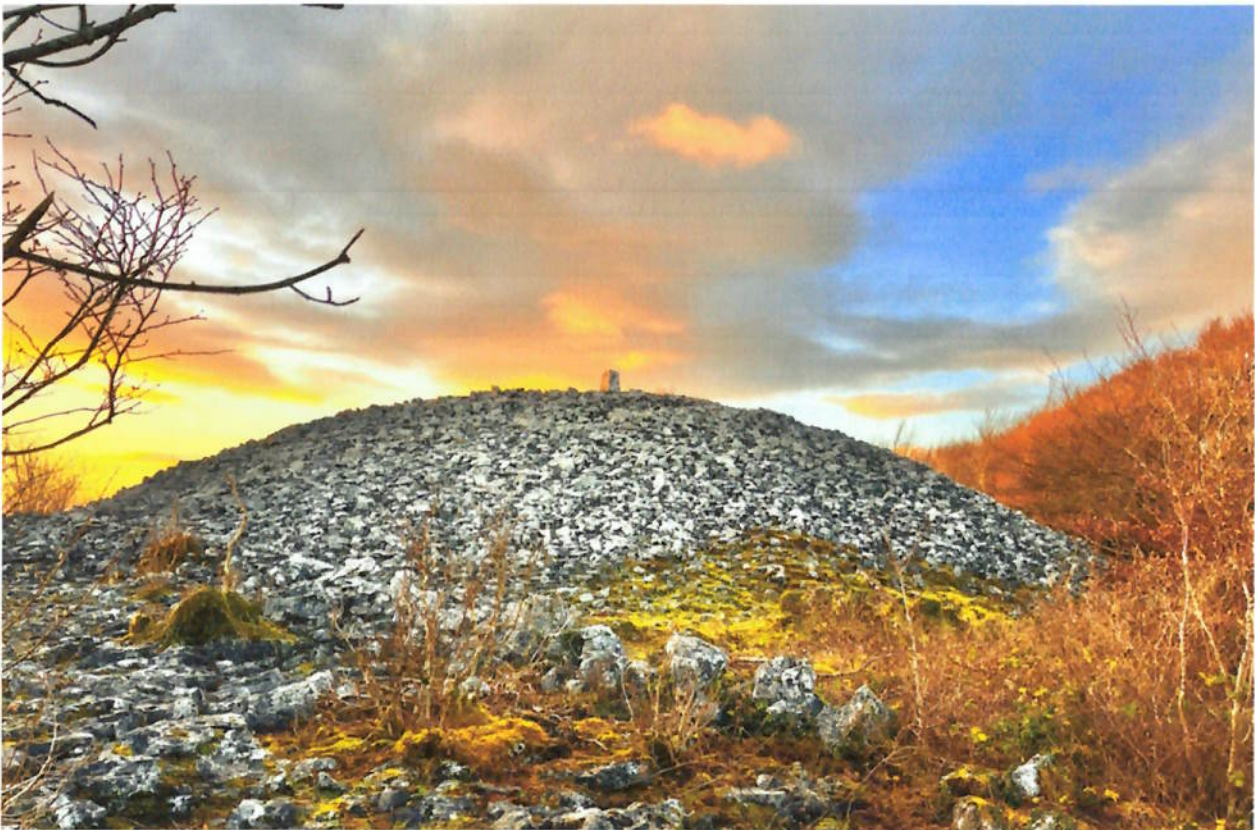
There are many horses in Laurclavagh. Or dead end road is home to Connolly stud farm. The birth place of the Internationally famous horse James Kann Cruz. Wind turbines have negative effects on horses through noise, shadow flicker, which can frighten them and bolt or exhibit other adverse reactions. Structural failure of a turbine can cause serious injury to horses and livestock. Flight animals such as horses have an instinct to flee from perceived dangers. A frightened horse can be a danger to itself and its handler. Wind farms can cause birth defects in foals. They also like humans suffer from wind turbine syndrome. See below, Connolly's study farm mare' grazing less that a kilometre away from the out of characteristic on the landscape colossal 185 metre wind turbine number 8



Laurclavagh is well known for its horse hunting. Where horse riders in their recreational time go out on horse back in hunt of the vermin fox. This is apart of our history and heritage dating back to the 1800s. It brings a crowd of great interest to watch the horses jump the walls and hedge growth of Laurclavagh. If the purposed wind farm goes ahead that will be the end of our historic horse hunt. Wind turbines will pose a threat to riders and horses. A frightened horse can pose a threat to himself, rider and anyone or anything in close proximity. The Laurclavagh horse hunt. Knockma hill in the background.



Knockma. The historic hill of Knockma is less than 3.6 kilometres from turbine 4. It has a panoramic view of five counties. It has up to 1000 walkers daily on its hill trail. There are four known cairns situated on Knockma hill. Will many new discoveries nearby. This hill has the significant importance as carrowkeel, grange stone circle, uisneach, loughcrew and newgrange. Dr Eamon donoghue has plans to do up the castle at the foot of the hill into a visitor centre. This will attract tourism from far and wide. Which will be a massive boost to the local economy. It will make the hill and historic area the nation wide recognition it deserves. We truly have a gem in our locality. Galway development plan mentions in great detail the tourism and potential value of Knockma.  
Queen meaves cairn on the shortest day December 2024.



I ask An Bord Pleanála to respect our request and refuse this application in full.  
The worry of the Lauraclavagh wind farm has taken over our lives the last few years. We worry about our health.  
We worry about our animal welfare.  
We worry about the devaluation of our land and property.  
We worry about the depopulation of our community.  
The turbines are too big and too close to homes.  
The damage it will do to our birds, insects, bats and habitats.  
It will be too damaging to the heritage, landscape and tourism.  
We fear for our livelihoods and small road of L61464. We fear of being locked in, water pollution, noise pollution, rock blasting consequences.  
We fear that there is no repair or replacement is possible to the land if this wind farm goes ahead. Once it's damaged it's damaged forever.  
We respectfully and firmly ask an Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission to refuse permission for the Lauraclavagh Renewable energy development in full.  
Any further questions please contact me.  
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Signed. Robert Mahon 5/01/26