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Dear Sir/Madam,

I submitted a submission when this project originally was sent for planning. I am now writing as I am wondering what is the delay with such a critical piece of infrastructure going ahead. It seems that delay after delay is occurring and the goalposts are constantly shifting around requirements and starting dates.

I was only reading recently that Ireland's inadequate electricity grid has become the single biggest obstacle to expanding renewable energy and achieving greater energy independence. Therefore it is incomprehensible why this project seems to be constantly stalled and not proceeding with great haste.

It is widely accepted that every unit of wind-generated electricity that could not be used increased Ireland's dependence on imported fossil fuels, raised costs for consumers, and resulted in higher emissions. As we are experiencing huge energy bills due to geopolitical decisions out of our control the need to expedite these projects are crucial.

What we need both in the short and medium term is Irish energy independence, lower bills, a more secure supply of energy, a resilient and competitive economy, and leadership in the response to the climate emergency. We are not seeing this at the political level and we need strong leadership to deal with the very difficult and challenging situation we find ourselves in. Therefore I am now writing again to you wondering why this essential infrastructure is being delayed again and again. It is vital that any roadblocks that are being put in its way are removed and this much needed project can begin as soon as possible.
Kind Regards,
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