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To:
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 2
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RE: An Coimisiún Pleanála - Case reference: PAX07.323699

Proposal for 11 approx. 180 M high wind turbines and ground works to support them in the townlands of Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonnaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Ironpool, Shancloon, Toberroe and Tonacooleen, Co. Galway.

To Whom it concerns,

I am objecting strongly against this proposed windfarm development in Cloonbar and surrounding areas and asking that you please give your time and attention to all of these objections that you receive. It is vital that rural Ireland does not get covered in and destroyed by huge 180m high wind turbines. The sheer size of these turbines and scale of the project with cumulative effects stretching across this area of Galway would totally change our landscape and land use. Our bogs and wildlife are actually incredibly important to the entire eco system of Ireland.

I believe it is essential that The Bord, in considering application 323699, take account of the fact that the EIAR is fundamentally flawed and is not fit for the purpose intended in allowing a full and robust assessment of the likely significant effects of the proposed development on the receiving environment direct or indirect, or in combination with other effects. The criteria for these considerations of what must be assessed and considered is set out in the criteria of projects falling under the remit of the EU EIA Directive 2011/92/EU as amended by 2014/52/EU under Article 3(1).

The Bord cannot permit this development on the basis of an inadequate adherence to the regulations of this Directive and therefore must refuse. Council Regulations (EU) 2022/2577 permits streamlining of permit granting processes for renewable energy projects. This does not set aside the obligations for a proper environmental impact assessment and the identification of likely significant and cumulative impacts of a proposed project on the receiving environment.

My family home is in the peaceful environs of Cloonbar. It is surrounded by countless species of wildlife some of which is mentioned on the EIAR. All of these

species (birds, bats, plants, frogs, lizards, mammals, insects etc) the people, the livestock, horses etc would be affected if this construction of 11 180m high turbines was allowed to go ahead. The bogland is a huge and beautiful heart of this area at the moment with a thriving ecosystem, clean air and sensitive mix of plants and wildlife. As this proposal casts aside and minimises the importance of our bogland I hope that you will realise with the observations you receive that we believe the report to be totally misleading throughout.

The report doesn't seem to grasp how our land is really connected and that wildlife and people don't consider themselves as stationary 'receptors' and currently have a freedom of movement and peace. I live and work in Galway city; but always appreciate the beauty, nature and freedom of the bogland in Cloonbar/ Seancloon area and walk on it whenever I am home. Hares, otters, frogs, snipe, orchids, butterflies, birds of prey, bats, huge lung fulls of fresh air, peace mixed with bird song...these are all magical elements that lift me when I am in this area of County Galway. It's about giving your eyes and ears a rest too, leaving behind the constant man-made background noises and movement. The idea of this being gone for my generation and my children's generation is devastating.

I don't think true steps forward to help save the world would actually involve this amount of destruction of nature. I think you and whoever is on board are only in it for the money but I implore you to seek profit elsewhere.

My observation is that the data is severely lacking to back up any positive gain (including for the climate, the environment or the communities effected) apart from financial to the company and its stakeholders.

In conclusion, rural Ireland has a wonderful wildness that would be forever destroyed by covering it in wind turbines, roads and pylons. We currently have a rich heritage and unique mix of wildlife authentic to the Cloonbar/ Seancloon area please do not sign off on its irreversible destruction. Maybe invest in solar.

Yours sincerely,

Felix Maguire.