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To:
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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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 Tonacoolen, Co. Galway.

A chara,

I would like to make a submission in respect of the proposed above mentioned Windfarm
SID (Case 323699).

I would firstly like to express concern with the absence of up-to-date statutory planning guidelines in relation to Wind Energy Developments. This development is of a very large scale with turbines of close to 200m high in close proximity to residential homes. The current guidelines are outdated and inappropriate for developments of this scale. I would ask that An Coimisiún take this into consideration when making a determination on this application.

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.

I would also like to express concern with the concentration of such developments across North and East County Galway. I do not believe that this high concentration is fair on local communities or is a balanced approach to planning development.

I would like to highlight concerns in relation to the public consultation carried out with the local community in relation to this development. It is imperative for developments of this nature that there is adequate consultation and engagement with community. It has been reported to me that some local residents were not informed and given an opportunity to take part in the consultation process and that concerns expressed as part of that process have not been taken into account as part of this planning application.

During construction phase the roads which are used every day by locals cycling, bus and driving to work would be a nightmare to navigate, these are country roads. The size and weight of the trucks and amount of construction work is likely to cause damage to the area such as land collapse, water pollution, death of wildlife and ecosystems, misery and fear to inhabitants.

If widening takes place to allow for these monstrosities trees and hedgerows that have lined the road for years will be destroyed. Noise and air pollution will impact negatively on the community every day. These roads that are currently lined with trees, hedgerows or stone walls, are used every day by 100's of people including myself. The company does not adequately show in its report the number of people using the road and how this will impact freedom of movement to and from our homes to places of work, schools, recreation etc.

Construction involves vast amounts of very not environmental materials such as 1000's tons of concrete, heavy machinery, toxic materials etc these can be spoken about in more detail. Air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, increased carbon from these and destruction of mature hedgerows, trees manufacture of turbine, transport, fossil fuels etc are all to be taken in to account please.

Greenwashing is a phrase that is used when a company makes itself sound environmental when it actually isn't. I believe that what this company proposes would actually do way more harm than good to the environment. Are the materials used recycled/ recyclable? How much emissions/ carbon/ pollution etc is produced in the manufacture and construction of these turbines? What vehicles do they use? What damage to the environment do they cause? Who are they funded by? These are just some of the questions that can be asked to find out if a company is actually 'green' or not.

I understand that a large number of submissions have been made by members of the local community highlighting issues in relation to the scale of this development, the

appropriateness of the location, effects on homes and the local community, public health, biodiversity and environmental matters. These are all considerations that An Comisiún must take into account, and I urge you to consider the potential impact of this development when making your determination.

I am a regular visitor of beautiful and peaceful 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 effected 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 in nearby Corofin and work in Corandulla; and always appreciate the beauty, nature and freedom of the bogland in Cloonbar/ Seancloon area and walk on it whenever I am there. Hares, otters, frogs, snipe, orchids, butterflies, birds of prey, bats, huge lung fills 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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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