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Date: 8th July 2026

ACP Ref. 323761-25 – Cooloo Wind Farm

Dear Sinead,

I wish to make the following observations in response to the Applicant's Response to Submissions.

While the Applicant has submitted a substantial response document, I believe it is largely generalised in nature and does not specifically address the individual concerns raised by many residents. Instead, it groups observations into broad themes and frequently repeats information already contained in the original planning application and EIAR rather than responding directly to the specific issues raised by individual observers. I therefore remain concerned that many legitimate planning issues have not been satisfactorily addressed.

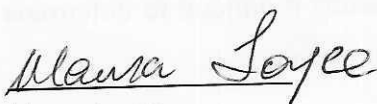
In particular:

- **General Response** – The Applicant's response is largely generic and topic-based. Individual submissions are not specifically addressed, making it difficult to determine whether the concerns of individual residents have been fully considered.
- **Traffic and Construction Impacts** – Concerns regarding construction traffic, road safety and abnormal load deliveries remain, particularly for residents living along the proposed haul route.
- **Project Splitting** – The response does not satisfactorily address concerns regarding the separate planning application for the 110kV substation, BESS and grid connection, all of which are integral parts of the overall project.

- **"Generally Discouraged" Area** – The Applicant acknowledges that part of the development is located within an area identified in the Galway Renewable Energy Strategy as "Generally Discouraged" for wind energy. I do not believe sufficient justification has been provided to depart from this policy designation.
- **Community Consultation** – The Applicant lists consultation activities but does not adequately address concerns regarding the quality, effectiveness and extent of engagement with affected residents and local communities.
- **Peat Stability** – The response continues to rely on existing assessments while acknowledging that further inspections, monitoring and verification will take place during detailed design and construction. Important environmental matters should, in my view, be fully resolved before planning permission is granted.
- **Reliance on Future Conditions** – A significant number of matters are proposed to be addressed after permission through planning conditions or agreements with statutory bodies. I believe these matters should be fully assessed before any decision is made.
- **Barnaderg Cooloo Windfarm Action Collective CLG** – I am in full support of their more detailed reply to Applicant's Response to Submissions.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála gives careful consideration to the outstanding concerns raised by local residents before determining this application.

Yours Sincerely,



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