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Re: ACP Ref. 323761-25 – Proposed Cooloo Wind Farm

Dear Ms White,

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

Having reviewed the Applicant's response, I remain concerned that it does not adequately address the issues raised by local residents. While the response is extensive in length, it is largely generalised and topic-based, relying heavily on information already contained within the original planning application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). In my opinion, it fails to respond meaningfully to many of the specific planning concerns raised by individual observers. I respectfully ask the Commission to have regard to the following matters when determining this application:

- **Failure to Address Individual Submissions** – The Applicant has grouped observations into broad themes rather than responding to individual submissions. As a result, many specific concerns raised by residents remain unanswered, making it difficult to conclude that these matters have been fully considered.
- **Traffic and Road Safety** – I remain concerned regarding the impact of construction traffic, abnormal load deliveries and the suitability of the local road network. The Applicant has not demonstrated that these works can be undertaken without significant disruption or safety implications for residents and other road users

- **Project Splitting** – The response does not satisfactorily address concerns regarding the separation of the proposed wind farm from the associated 110kV substation, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and grid connection. These elements are integral to the overall project and should, in my view, be assessed as a single development.
- **"Generally Discouraged" Area** – Part of the proposed development is located within an area identified in the Galway Renewable Energy Strategy as "Generally Discouraged" for wind energy development. I do not believe that the Applicant has provided sufficient planning justification to depart from this policy designation.
- **Community Consultation** – While the Applicant outlines various consultation activities, the response does not adequately address concerns raised regarding the effectiveness, quality and extent of engagement with affected residents and local communities.
- **Peat Stability and Environmental Risk** – The Applicant continues to rely on further site investigations, monitoring and verification during detailed design and construction. Important environmental matters, particularly those relating to peat stability, hydrology and potential environmental impacts, should be fully resolved before planning permission is considered.
- **Reliance on Future Planning Conditions** – Throughout the response, a significant number of issues are proposed to be dealt with through future planning conditions, management plans or agreements with statutory bodies. In my view, matters that are fundamental to assessing the environmental impacts and overall acceptability of the project should be fully assessed and resolved before any decision is made.
- **Support for Community Submission** – I wish to express my support for the detailed submission made by the Barnaderg Cooloo Windfarm Action Collective CLG, which addresses many of the outstanding planning, environmental and procedural concerns in considerably greater detail.

Having considered both the original application and the Applicant's Response to Submissions, I remain of the view that significant concerns remain unresolved. The response has not demonstrated that the issues raised by local residents have been adequately addressed and, in

many instances, simply reiterates information already submitted rather than providing substantive responses to the observations received.

I therefore respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála gives careful consideration to the outstanding concerns raised by local residents and all third-party observers before reaching a determination on this application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Greaney', written over a horizontal line.

Peter Greaney

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