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Ref: ACP-323761-25 - Proposed Wind Energy Development at Coloo/Dangan/Slievegorm, Co. Galway

I wish to make the following submission in response to the applicant's "Response to Submission" prepared by MKO.

Having reviewed the document, I do not believe it adequately addresses many of the concerns raised by local residents. Instead, it frequently dismisses those concerns as "perceived" impacts without providing convincing evidence that the impacts on those of us living beside the proposed development will be insignificant.

The response repeatedly suggests that wind turbines will become an accepted feature of the landscape over time and that any visual effects are largely subjective. I strongly disagree. For those living within close proximity to the proposed development, the impact is not theoretical or perceived. It will be a permanent and unavoidable change to our daily living environment. The industrial scale of these turbines, together with associated infrastructure, will fundamentally alter the rural character of the area in which my family has lived for generations.

The applicant also fails to properly address the practical consequences for neighbouring landowners and residents during both construction and operation. The local road network is used daily by farmers, residents, walkers and other road users. Increased heavy construction traffic, temporary road closures or alterations, and disruption to existing farming practices are matters of real concern. These are not adequately addressed in the Response to Submission.

I remain unconvinced by the applicant's assessment of the potential impact on property values. The document relies heavily on overseas studies that are not directly comparable to rural Ireland, where individual sites often have significant value for one-off housing or family succession. A reduction in the ability to develop family land or to realise its existing value represents a genuine economic impact on local families and has not been meaningfully addressed.

The response also overlooks the long-term social impact on established rural communities. Families who have lived and farmed in this area for generations face a permanent alteration to their surroundings and uncertainty regarding the future use and value of their land. These concerns cannot simply be dismissed because they are difficult to quantify.

While I recognise the importance of renewable energy, it must be developed in appropriate locations and in a manner that properly respects existing communities. In my view, the applicant has failed to demonstrate that this proposal achieves that balance. The Response to Submission does not satisfactorily address the legitimate concerns raised by residents, and I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála give full weight to those concerns in determining this application.

I respectfully ask that my original submission and these further observations be taken into account in the Board's assessment.

Regards,
Stephanie Mannion.