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Date: 20/11/2025

Re: Case Re: 323761 – Cooloo Wind Farm

Applicant : Neoen Renewables Ireland Limited

Site Location: Located within the townlands of Cloondahamper, Cloonascragh, Elmhill, Cooloo, Lecarrow, Dangan Eighter, Lissavally and Slievegorm, Co.Galway

Dear Inspector,

I highly recommend this application be looked at in detail with respect to its incompatibility with Galway County Council Wind Potential report, that forms part of the Galway County Development Plan 2022 to 2028, and consequently its overall energy generating capacity.

Turbines 6, 7 and 8 are in areas that are termed “generally to be discouraged” by the Galway County Council Wind Potential report. The image below clearly shows the position of Turbines 6, 7 and 8, and that they are in the area termed “generally to be discouraged”.



Turbines 6, 7 and 8 are integral parts of the proposed project. In order for this project to be classified as a Strategic Infrastructure Development, it must meet the 50MW threshold. Without turbines 6, 7 and 8 which are clearly located in areas that are termed "generally to be discouraged" this project's generating capacity reduces to the range of 36MW to 42MW which is well short of the required 50MW that is required to classify it as a Strategic Infrastructure Development.

Considering all of the above information, I respectfully request that you refuse planning permission for this entire project. I would appreciate it if you notify me of any reply from the applicant regarding my submission, and that I would be updated regarding any developments regarding this planning application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Connolly". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Councillor Michael Connolly.