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To; An Coimisiun Pleanala.

Case Reference No. PAX 07.323761

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re; Cooloo/Barnaderg Wind Farm.

I beg to refer to the proposed Cooloo/Barnaderg Wind Farm development and lodge my objections in the strongest possible way.

My objections are as follows;

1. The visual impact on the area; the height 185 meters in wholly out of scale with any other structure in the area or indeed in Co. Galway.
2. The industrial scale of this development, the nine turbines will be visible from my front door with no protection from "noise" or "shadow flicker." Turbine 3 will only be 775 meters from my door; in my opinion away too close and I have no doubt the closeness will impact the quality of my life.
3. The development is too close to resident's homes and there is now plenty of evidence to show that developments of this nature are causing untold harm to people and the quality of their lives and mental health.

I grew up in Hillsbrook Demense and it is the place of my birth and the place where my body, heart and soul rest easily and beautifully.

As a child I walked the roads with my siblings and still do to this day, as we came to and from the fields to eke out a living to sustain parents and nine children.

These roads will no longer be a heaven of peace, quiet and tranquility at a time in my life when I need it most due to ongoing health issues and cancer treatment.

I have observed the changes in farming from the 'Donkey and Cart' to the 'Horse and Cart' and the great changes that were brought to farmers lives by tractors as they were relived of

the daily slog and back breaking work. In my years of observing farmers behaviours, I have never known one of them in this area to cause or add to climate change which we all understand is a live issue.

They have sought to farm in sustainable ways that are within the law. Man, animals and wildlife have co-existed in a mutually harmonious relationship with the land and environment. I consider myself to be living in a natural unspoiled pristine area and the local people have sought to maintain the balance between the needs of man, animals and wildlife.

I have no knowledge whatever of 'Electric Magnetic Fields' that science says is all around us.

This old age pensioner believes that common sense would say that 'Virgin Land' cannot be bulldozed and thousand upon thousand of tons of concrete poured to secure turbines and then erect monstrosities at a height of 185meters and not expect 'Kickback' from the land that is affected by those structures as happened in Derrybrien a tiny village in Co. Galway or indeed 'Kickback' from residents of those areas.

Do we want to see our children 'HOLDING THEIR HEADS' because they cannot stand the noise? are we to experience a rural Ireland where the sound of children's laughter and fun is not heard as they no longer play outside because of the impact of wind turbines?

There is a huge concern about the level of obesity among children and with those new structures their presence and affects discourage children developing healthy outdoor activities. There is plenty of evidence available that shows how the quality of people's lives are affected by wind turbines as in Co. Wexford "where four people were awarded three hundred thousand euro in a landmark case against a wind farm for nuisance caused by noise and its impact on their lives"

Each man, woman, child, animal and wildlife are entitled to day-to-day enjoyment as they work, rest, play and spent time with family, neighbours and friends.

I have every right to expect to live in the place of my birth free from the nuisance of wind turbines and wind companies do not have the right to override individual rights.

Are we to experience a rural Ireland where people and homes disappear like the 'Corncrake' and 'Curlew'? then we are all losers, except wind companies of course. There is evidence that families in North Mayo are abandoning their homes due to noise pollution from wind turbines.

Are we going back to a time in history when Cromwell said "to 'Hell or to Connacht' which was the ultimatum given to Catholics during Oliver Cromwells reign of destruction and terror, the message was either go to Connacht or face death. This was the brutal choice imposed on people" it is not unreasonable to say that Wind Companies are now doing the reverse-unconsciously of course, saying leave the west so we can prosper.

It is not an exaggeration to say that we are also back to Civil War politics setting neighbour against neighbour where one man gets paid and another man gets nothing except major

upheaval, deep heart and soul pain to see the landscape of generations irreplaceable changed and damaged for all time.

Those in power need to wake up to the depth of hurt that is among locals about this proposed development, those same people have got on with their lives working hard and diligently, this development will 'kill their spirit' for rural life and living and that is no exaggeration. The people, farmers and families are nurtured and nourished daily as they go about their work by the landscape; this development erases all the goodness that we are so blessed to be surrounded by. Are those the outcomes those in power want to be remembered for? I think not. I'm almost certain that Our Taoiseach Mr. Micheal Martin has said his preferred option is for wind turbines to go to sea and that he does not want to see neighbours relationships been destroyed because of those developments

The saying "two wrongs don't make a right" means that "doing something bad in retaliation for a previous wrong is not acceptable and does not make the situation right" "The proverb suggests that responding in a morally sound way is correct" there is nothing morally correct about what is proposed here.

A position paper on 'Wind Turbines and Public Health' was written by 13 Consultants and Directors of Public Health Medicine Environment and Health Group and published in February 2017'.

It stated that "further research is required to investigate the effects of wind farms on public health. Large - scale prospective cohort studies would be most informative for identifying potential health effects of exposure to wind turbined noise...." Who is going to go against this statement by 13 learned, educated people in Public Health whos' lives are all about having healthy people and healthy communities.

This 'Position Paper' also stated "Draft revisions to the guidelines for wind turbines were published in 2013, over 7,500 submissions were received in response to the consultation" and as far as I understand it the guidelines remain in draft format. As far as I can recall Mr. Simon Harris promised publication of those guidelines before the last General Election. The human part of me says there is a tactic and an agenda here to let the current tranche of applications proceed for wind farms before those guidelines see the light of day.

Enclosed as an Appendix 1 is 'Feedback Questionnaire' from the company that I completed in May 2023 approx.; firstly, they denied receiving it until I challenged them, they eventually acknowledged that it was received, however there was no attempt whatever to answer/respond to my comments/observations. So much for their statement that they 'value feedback.....and that consultation is ongoing....' As I see it this is a small example of their neglect to engage wholeheartedly with the people, very easy to post off fliers and colourful leaflets it's a very different story to truly listen and hear the distress of the people.

For the sake of clarity, I have typed my responses etc. to that 'Feedback Questionnaire' of May 2023.

Q1. My response, I believe financial benefits is essential as in other parts of the world. Should benefit by reduced cost of electricity and wildlife should not be affected. I'm always

suspicious of anyone offering money (which I know has been said people will get) money does not make something right and if turbines are good for everyone, why offer money? The project should stand on its own merit.

Q2. Yes, I do have concern about noise pollution, they are awful to look at, an eye sore.

The amount of cement used to put them in place – what about the bog shifting? as seen in another part of Galway. What are the known facts about the impact on health. If the area is negatively impacted by this development; will it stop? and who has the power to stop it?

Q3. I understand the need for alternative energy – sorry I do not trust Big Companies to tell the truth about the impact of turbines on 'Man and Beast'

Who decided to put wind turbines in Cooloo? In my opinion you are coming to us too late and seeking our comments – as far as I can see the decision is already made.

Q4. I have no idea who you have already contacted.

In conclusion; those pages contain my heartfelt thoughts, feelings and opinions and I have done so with great care and effort; I now ask you respectfully to give all submissions your diligent care as you read through the statements and know you have the power and authority to impact peoples lives for the good or the reverse.

I beg/plead with you to refuse outright planning permission for this development and if you cannot do this an oral needs to take place.

May the universe guide you in your careful consideration and deliberations of the task in front of you.

Yours respectfully,

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APPENDIX 1



Feedback Questionnaire – Proposed Cooloo Wind Farm

Please use the prepaid envelope to return completed form.

Alternatively, you can complete this questionnaire on the project website
www.cooloowindfarm.com

Q1: If the proposed project is developed, what types of benefits should the Cooloo Wind Farm provide to the local community?

I believe financial benefits is essential as in other parts of the world.
Should benefit by reduced cost of electricity.
Wildlife should not be affected.
I'm always suspicious of anyone offering money. (which I know has been said people will get) - money does not make something right or if turbines are good for everyone, why offer money? The project should stand on its merit

Q2: Do you have any concerns about this proposed wind farm and if so, what are they?

Yes I do have concerns about -
noise pollution - they are awful to look at - an eye sore
the amount of cement used to put them in place - what about the bog shifting as seen in another part of Gwynedd
what are the known facts about impact on health

Q1: The area is negatively impacted by this development; will it stop & who has the power to stop it

Q3: Have you any further comments in relation to the proposed project?

I understand the need for alternative energy - sorry - I do not trust Big Companies to tell the truth about the impact of turbines on "Man & beast"

Who decided to put turbines in Cooloo? my objection - you are coming to us too late & seeking our comments - as far as I can see, the decision is already made -

Q4: Neoen is committed to keeping the local community informed about the proposed project. Please help us identify any other local groups which you feel should be consulted with.

I have no idea who you have already contacted

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