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Monasterevin,  
Co. Kildare  
W34 KT35

#### FORMAL PLANNING OBJECTION

**TO: An Coimisiún Pleanála – Case Reference: PAX09.324055**

**DATE: 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026**

**Case Reference: DERRYNADARRAGH WIND FARM & GRID CONNECTION PAX09.324055**

**From: Siobhan Donoher (address above)**

I am lodging a formal objection to the above proposal and detail our reasons for same below.

This objection could be made on many grounds (Biodiversity, substandard road networks to accommodate the project, tree lines, nuisance etc) but for the purposes of this objection, I will concentrate on flooding which should ensure this project is immediately refused on the basis that the project has the potential to increase local water tables by as much as 150mm. The prospects of raising the water table in an already documented flood plain is a nightmare scenario for residents/local farming community and for that reason the proposal should be refused.

The proposed development, by the applicant's own documentation, involves construction works in close proximity to the River Barrow, including trenching, horizontal directional drilling, forestry clearance and heavy construction traffic. By its own admission the suggested development may impact water tables in the area to the extent of 150mm, as referenced in the Derrynadarragh EIAR | EIAR Volume iii | Appendix 12 | page 44 of 46 | section 9 | box 5.1.2 which also goes on to suggest that this is within acceptable OPW guidelines, this 150 mm might be an acceptable OPW guideline in a normal flood free area, but surely any rise in water tables in this area should put paid to this plan before it gets any further. The figure could also be conservative given the topography of landscape. The river Barrow has burst its banks 8 times in the last 15 years, 7 of which were in the last ten, getting more frequent as the obvious effects of climate change ramp up. Any removal of hedgerows, trees, bogland, soil is most definitely going to further exacerbate constantly high water tables. Similar practices elsewhere have determined there will be less drain off, less run off and less soakage at times of flooding, which is now happening at an alarming rate across the country. To put the 150mm (and nobody knows the true extent or affect this work will actually have) into context - when the Barrow bursts and floods the area, there are homes where there are millimetres to spare before residences would be flooded. An aerial shot of one such flood event is below (L71764 and the surrounding roads completely under water). There are lots more photographs and videos to prove the point. I would also stress that if this project were to proceed and has an adverse affect on the flooding of properties in the area, we, as one of the residents affected by this will fully explore all legal options open to us to remedy the situation.



For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse planning permission for this development.

Signed:

SIOBHAN DONOHER