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Ballynanelagh, Knockraha, Co. Cork.

We wish to make an observation in relation to the above and enclose 50 euro.

This is the seventh application made for this site since 2022. Although the name of the applicant has changed, both share the same registered address and shareholder, Mr. Blount, Glen Erin, Caulstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath,

Prior to this application, six previous applications were submitted to Cork County Council. The initial three (226466: 226869: 234234) were for a Low Carbon Inertia Services Grid Support System for Island Stability. Cork County Council deemed the first two applications to be incomplete and refused the third.

The second three were by Drumkee (LCIS) for a Battery Energy Storage System (viz., 245849: 246103 and 25415). Again the first two applications were deemed incomplete and the latter withdrawn.

The Fire Strategy Review Report submitted, classes this BESS Facility as an Industrial Fire Hazard and a special Fire Risk. The report, which assessed only the site and not the Battery Containers (as information was not provided for assessment) identified many areas where the application did not fully comply with NFPA 855 standards.

The applicant has shown an ongoing disregard to detail in this and previous applications. We feel that attention to detail is critical for a facility which is regarded as 'Industrial High Hazard and Special High Risk'.

We are concerned that the same disregard to detail may arise in the construction and operation of this BESS facility if planning is approved.

The applicant has also shown a total disregard for the local residents and those of the greater Knockraha area. At no point since 2022 has any attempt been made by them to make contact with the local community regarding their plans or to address any concerns which we may have.

This area has no mains water and residents depend solely upon groundwater wells. The site is in an area where groundwater vulnerability is High. The consequences to our wells can be immediate and severe in the event of fire or any spillage incident on site. This risk increases with each approved electrical planning application.

The details supplied with this application have not addressed the Safety Concerns which we have about this Developer. We are asking An Coimisiún Pleanála to decline this application.

Don & Eithne Murphy

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