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Re: Submissions on Planning Applications PA07.324113 and VC07.323874
Proposed Cashla Peaker Plant, Rathmorrissy/Pollnagroagh, Athenry, Co. Galway

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a formal submission in respect of the above-referenced applications, PA07.324113 and VC07.323874.

This submission is grounded in the fundamental requirement that all applicable European Union legislation must be strictly adhered to throughout both the construction and operational phases of the proposed development. Compliance with EU law is an essential legal obligation

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designed to safeguard environmental integrity, public health, and the rights and interests of all stakeholders.

In particular, I respectfully request that the Commission ensures full compliance with all relevant EU Directives and Regulations, including but not limited to:

- The Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (2011/92/EU as amended), ensuring that any assessment is complete, transparent, and based on robust scientific evidence.
- The Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and Birds Directive (2009/147/EC), including the requirement for Appropriate Assessment where there is potential for significant effects on Natura 2000 sites.
- The Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC), ensuring no deterioration in water status and full protection of aquatic environments.
- The Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU), where applicable, to guarantee best available techniques are applied.
- Relevant provisions concerning public participation, access to information, and access to justice under the Aarhus Convention as implemented in EU law.

I urge the Commission to ensure that on-going monitoring, enforcement mechanisms, and operational controls are clearly defined and legally enforceable, so that compliance continues throughout the lifecycle of the development and not solely at the point of approval.

I trust that the Commission will give due consideration to these obligations in its assessment of the applications.

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Yours sincerely,

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Mr Paul Reid, Chairperson

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Planning applications PA07.324113 and VC07..323874

Dear Mr Reid

I have been contacted by Mr Brendan Kelly, of Athenry, county Galway on behalf of the Athenry Peaker Plant Concern Group. I am deeply concerned by the nature of the public health issues raised by Mr. Kelly which form part of a submission in relation to the file PA07.324113. (attached) and my submission of 23rd inst.

Mr Kelly has engaged with me repeatedly, and has provided me with a copy of the above groups submission containing matters of widespread public concern. I am therefore asking you as Chairman of the Board of An Comisiun Pleanala to ensure that these matters are fully investigated in compliance with public safety guidelines and the EU legislation guidelines – attached in my own submission to the bord. I am also requesting formally that the bord stage an oral public hearing in Galway to investigate the issues raised by Mr Kelly and his committee both in the submission and at a meeting that took place in the Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry on 16 October 2025, copy summary attached.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards.

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