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Re: Planning Reference PC07.324113, Development_Cashla Peaker Plant – located in Poolnagroagh & Rathmorrissy

To Whom It May Concern,

We wish to lodge an objection regarding the application by Bord Gáis Energy for a gas-fired peaker plant at Poolnagroagh and Rathmorrissy, Athenry, Galway. We are objecting on the following grounds:

The proposal for new fossil fuel infrastructure **contradicts national commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions** by 51% by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050. As householders we have been encouraged to **move away from fossil fuels** and have had to make substantial upgrades to move to green living (solar panels, electric cars, no chimneys on new builds, etc) but this investment would be nullified by the introduction of fossil fuel infrastructure. It is in complete **conflict with Ireland's net-zero targets** and our efforts towards green living.

We are highly concerned over the **health risks** that the pollution from this plant would cause. There are **elevated cancer and asthma cases in children** in the vicinity of peaker plants in other locations. Our **three children** attend school and sports in Athenry, and would be **very vulnerable** to any deterioration in air quality, caused by harmful fumes and pollutants from the proposed peaker plant.

We are very concerned over **potential risks to our water quality and have major concerns over safety** if there was any incident at the peaker plant. The site is on vulnerable karst limestone geology making private wells and local water sources at huge risk should an accident or spillage occur. We have major concerns for the local population of people and livestock from the fallout should a large fire or accident occur, and subsequent pollution with such a large volume of diesel and potentially other chemicals stored at this site.

We live in a rural community surrounded by green fields, forests, wildlife, farm animals and clean fresh air, which we value dearly. Thank you for your time and consideration of these serious

concerns. For the reasons outlined above, we request that An Bord Pleanála refuse permission for this development.

Regards,

Michaela & Barry McNena