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To: Planning Authority / An Bord Pleanála Re: Proposed Athenry Peaker Plant – Case reference: PC07.320975

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in my capacity as a Teachta Dála for Galway East to formally register my opposition to the proposed Athenry Peaker Plant. Over recent months, my office has received a substantial number of representations from residents, community groups, and families living in the surrounding area. I am submitting this letter to reflect the concerns that have been raised with me directly and to ensure that the voices of the local community are fully considered as part of the planning process.

The issues brought to my attention relate to a range of matters, including the potential impact on residential amenity, environmental considerations, noise levels, traffic movements, and the cumulative effect of more industrial development in the locality considering its designation as a heritage town. Many residents have expressed deep concern about the suitability of this type of infrastructure so close to homes, schools [approx. 3000 within 2.5kms], and established community facilities. They have also highlighted the lack of clarity around long-term operational impacts and consequential health concerns; given the sheer volume of fuel that will be held on site.

Galway set a target for gigawatt-level input into the grid, and that target has already been surpassed. Communities have delivered everything that was asked of them to facilitate these projects. In light of the volume and seriousness of the representations received, I believe it is important that the planning authority give full and careful consideration to the objections raised.

I respectfully request that the concerns of the local community be thoroughly examined as part of the assessment of this application, and that the potential impacts on the people of Athenry and the wider area be fully evaluated before any decision is made.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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