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**Re; Planning Reference Number 324113**

**Project Name; Cashla Peaker Power Plant Athenry**

**Date 22/04/2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing as concerned residents of Athenry to object to the proposed Cashla Gas and Diesel Power Plant.

Children are particularly vulnerable to both air pollution and road safety risks. Our own children have additional needs, making them more sensitive to environmental stressors and less able to respond quickly to traffic dangers. The operation of a peaker plant, particularly with diesel use during start-up or peak demand, may expose nearby residents to concentrated bursts of harmful pollutants known to affect lung development and increase respiratory illness.

The proposed development would also result in increased heavy goods vehicle traffic on narrow rural roads with limited visibility. This presents a serious safety concern for children travelling to and from school, particularly during peak times where interaction between heavy vehicles, local traffic, and pedestrians is unavoidable.

Furthermore, emissions such as nitrogen oxides and particulate matter pose a significant risk to public health, contributing to conditions including asthma and bronchitis. Given the proximity of the proposed site to local communities and farmland, these impacts are both immediate and long-term, disproportionately affecting vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly.

In addition to health concerns, the development raises serious issues regarding environmental sustainability, including potential impacts on air and water quality and local agriculture.

In conclusion, we believe the proposed development is unsuitable for this location due to its risks to public health, road safety, and the environment. These impacts outweigh any potential short-term benefits.

We respectfully request that planning permission for this development be refused.

Yours sincerely,  
Thomas & Angeline Kelly