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Planning ref nr: A.C.P.324155-26

Re: Objection to Planning Application  
 A.C.P. 324155-26 - proposed  
 Cahermurphy West Windfarm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my objection to the above application for eight industrial windturbines at the Cahermurphy West Windfarm site.

Find enclosed the prescribed € 50, = fee for this objection.

My main reasons for objecting are:

1) I run a small tourist business and one of the highlights for both over-seas and Irish visitors is our natural, rural and peaceful landscape. They express their surprise and shock with the high amount of industrial size windturbines in North Kerry and

West-Clare.

Our unspoiled landscapes are one of our greatest assets for biodiversity and our growing tourist numbers in the future.

2) Besides visual impact, these 185 m. wind turbines will have a negative noise impact, both for ourselves and our tourist customers.

With Eastern winds we can hear the curraunt ones of Cahermurphy I, which are double the distance.

My son has an Autism Spectrum Diagnose by Professor Michael Fitzgerald, a renowned Irish child and adolescent psychiatrist, who recognizes sound sensitivity as a key, often painful, characteristic of Autism.

Other research related to this field indicates 50-70% of autistic individuals experience sound hypersensitivity.

3) My husband of 80 years has been familiar with the site all his life and so were his family before him. He has witnessed the destruction of open "mountain" bog, being changed into mono-culture Sitka spruce plantation. He is reminiscent about the loss of the sound of corncrake,

grouse and more recent, curlew. We all know this development will have an on-going negative impact on the hen-harrier.

He had a few conversations with the person doing the regular bird-survey for the development, at the cross near Cahercullen / Clohaubeg. And as this person told him he saw no hen-harriers from this vantage point, my husband who is a farmer and outdoor person, advised him the flight path was slightly more South from the Cahermurphy West site, more towards the land behind his farmsheds between Cloning/Cahercullen.

This make sense to me as I have occasional sightings from my kitchen window at Cahercullen.

4) In the brochure and community information about Cahermurphy West it states that these turbines are estimated to have a capacity between 50.4 MW and 57.6 MW. "The project aims to power approximately 40,000 homes in Co. Clare annually!"

According to the census 2022 total housing stock 58,148 not all occupied.

Having already 119 existing turbines in Co. Clare and a further 57 proposed and awaiting decision (176 total)

It doesn't seem to add up.

Cahermurphy West  
- 8 turbines                      40,000 homes.

County Clare  
- 119 turbines                      ± 500,000 homes

County Clare < 60,000 homes  
Ireland                      ± 2 million homes

There are more than 400 wind farms in excess of 1000 turbines at the moment in Ireland. That should provide 4 million homes, annually.

Co. Clare is doing much more than its fair share, space is running out, views are compromised, hen-hammer in decline. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> development for this particular area, already previously refused by Clare County Council and strongly opposed by local community.

Enough is enough!  
For these reasons I respectfully request that an Coimisiún Pleanála refuses Planning application ACP 324155-26 in the interest of habitat and environmental protection, public health and community wellbeing.

Yours Sincerely, Brigitte Sikkes  
signature: pmsikkes.