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Planning Reference Number: APC 324155-26

Re: Objection to Planning Application APC 324155-26 – Proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to lodge my objection to the above application for eight industrial wind turbines at the Cahermurphy West Wind Farm site.

Grounds for Objection:

- **Inadequate Public Consultation and Procedural Unfairness:** The application is deficient in meaningful engagement. I personally requested property-specific noise and shadow flicker data for my residence (V15 HY54) from the developer's representative. This was explicitly refused, and I was directed to navigate thousands of pages of technical PDFs on a website. This obfuscation is a deliberate barrier to my right to be properly informed under the Aarhus Convention and the Planning and Development Act 2000.
- **Excessive Cumulative Impact:** West Clare is subject to an excessive concentration of industrial wind energy (119 turbines operational). This proposal further erodes rural landscape character and scenic amenity, contrary to the Clare County Development Plan.
- **Established Planning Precedent:** This proposal, previously submitted as Cahermurphy II, was refused by the Board. No material change justifies a different outcome now.
- **Inappropriate Scale:** At 185m, these turbines represent an excessive scale that conflicts with Wind Energy Development Guidelines (2006) regarding residential amenity.
- **Noise and Shadow Flicker:** The developer admits "shut down mechanisms" are required, proving the risk to my home. I am gravely concerned about the impact of low-frequency noise on the sleep and well-being of my young children.
- **Biodiversity Risk:** The development risks the habitat of the protected Hen Harrier and involves significant peat excavation on a sensitive site.
- **Sterilisation of the Local Area:** The scale and 185m height of these turbines create a massive 'sterilisation zone' around my residence. This effectively prevents any future residential development in my immediate vicinity due to mandatory safety setbacks and noise/flicker limits. As a parent, I am deeply concerned that this project will prevent my children from ever being able to settle or build a home in their own community, as the available land in this townland will be technically 'locked' by the presence of industrial turbines.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse Planning Application APC 324155-26.

Yours Sincerely,
