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Planning Reference Number: APC 324156-26

Re: Objection to Planning Application APC 324156-26 - Proposed Grid Connection Route

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to lodge my objection to the above application for a grid connection route connecting the proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm to Moneypoint Power Station, Co. Clare

Find enclosed the prescribed fee of €50 for this objection.

Grounds for Objection

1. Scale of Works

The installation of this high-voltage grid connection will require extensive trenching along public roads and private lands, resulting in significant and prolonged ground disturbance.

2. Impact on Local Roads

The proposed 25-kilometre route will cause considerable wear and tear on local roads. These roads are already in marginal condition and not designed to withstand heavy construction traffic. The development will therefore impose undue pressure and likely cause substantial damage to public infrastructure.

3. Duration and Extent of Disruption

The installation works are expected to last in excess of 241 days. For a rural area with narrow local roads, this level of disruption is unacceptable. It will interfere with daily life, including school transport, milk collection, farm operations, and emergency service access.

4. Constraint on Future Development

The existence of a high-voltage grid route will restrict future housing and community development along its corridor. In a rural area already experiencing depopulation, additional barriers to sustainable residential growth would be damaging to the long-term viability of the community.

5. **Risk to Water Supplies**

The extensive excavation works associated with the grid installation pose a significant risk to local groundwater sources and private wells that supply farms and households along the route.

6. **Lack of Meaningful Consultation**

There was no proper engagement with the wider local community prior to submission of this application. Consultation was limited to landowners providing access. Other affected residents were informed only via statutory planning notices. These notices were difficult to read due to small font size, and the technical language used rendered them inaccessible to the general public.

7. **Potential Health Concerns**

Residents living in close proximity to the proposed route are genuinely concerned about potential health impacts associated with long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields generated by the high-voltage grid.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse Planning Application APC 324156-26 in the interests environmental protection, public health and community wellbeing.

Yours Sincerely,

Aidan O'Malley