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An Coimisun Pleanala,

64 Marlborough St.

Dublin

Planning ref no : ACP324156-26

Objection to Planning Application ACP 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

There has been total lack of communication or engagement with residents along route except for those landowners providing access. The first indication of the proposed grid route for majority of residents and road users on the route was statutory planning notices at road intersections but unfortunately font was so small it was impossible to read so most people were not aware of the proposed grid route. In fact, at the community clinic meeting in Kilmihil community centre on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 there was no mention of the grid route in either the letter to residents near wind farm or in notice in local paper. Only at the meeting was there a map showing the proposed grid route.

This is a large-scale high voltage 110 kv grid connection along narrow public roads and private lands . Average width of these roads is 2.8 metres. Roads will be impassable while work is going on there a lot of disruption for local people – these include dairy farmers moving cows , carrying on farming activities- putting out fertilizer, slurry , making hay ,silage etc. milk lorries collecting milk , business people going about their work, children being brought to schools secondary and primary and all the other activities they are involved in and questions about emergency service access .

The roads on the proposed route are already in poor state of repair. The foundations of some of these roads are over peat and low-lying areas which can be prone to flooding. They are not at all suitable for heavy construction traffic and large-scale trenching.

People are worried about the long-term impacts of having a high voltage line going past their houses and lands. Will there be health impacts from exposure to electromagnetic fields ? Will they be restricted in terms of new builds along route? Will they be able to connect to other services ie water? Will their water supply be affected and if it is how fast will it be repaired? What about risks to the services already along the route ? -water mains, fibre or other electrical connections to houses? These are real concerns of ordinary people living along the proposed grid route which they haven't been able to voice or discuss with the developers.

The proposed grid route encounters river crossings on its route. The proposal is to avoid the bridges and bore under the riverbeds with the ducts. The Creegh river is on the route, and I would be very concerned about the impact on the river at those points. A total of six fish species were recorded at 8 sites surveyed by Inland fisheries in 2023 . One site surveyed - the Clonwhite Mound had "good" ecological status. This is on the proposed grid connection. I am not confident that mitigation measures are sufficient here to avoid any disturbance or damage to the river and its species. The Doonbeg River was surveyed in 2023 by Inland fisheries and one site in Cloncullin has a "high" ecological status. The proposed grid connection bores under the Doonbeg river in Cloncullin. Again, I would have serious concerns regarding the measures taken to avoid any disturbance that would damage its status.

I ask that An Coimisiun Pleanála refuse Planning Application ACP 324156-26 in the interests of environmental protection, public health and community wellbeing.

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