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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed wind farm and associated substation development at Lemanaghan Bog, referenced under planning application PAX19.324161

I have serious concerns regarding the potential impacts of this development, particularly in relation to the following:

- **Visual and Landscape Impact:** The scale and height of the proposed turbines would significantly alter the character of the local landscape, which is currently rural and unspoiled. This change would have a detrimental effect on the visual amenity of the area. With the proposed sub-station at 22 mts tall the views of the kinnity mountains will be gone or heavily restricted with a 22 mt high 100 mt long metal box in the bog. This will also have a negative visual impact from Clonmacnoise (A world heritage site)
- **Noise and Disturbance:** The proximity of the turbines and substation to residential properties raises concerns about ongoing noise pollution, including low-frequency noise, which may negatively affect the quality of life of local residents. Their noise studies do not take into account of the surrounding wind farms (2 x cloghan, 1 x ferbane and a future proposed wind farm behind my home/residence)
- **Environmental Impact:** This development will pose risks to local wildlife and habitats, including birds and protected species. The long-term ecological consequences do not appear to be adequately addressed, and will not be enhanced by the proposed amenities and natural habitats of nature but will be actually disturbed by such proposals. My brief read of the planning submission Bord na Mona have under have altered their numbers to suit, e.g., 1 badger set recorded – 22 I believe are on record with the dept of agriculture. Not to mention the Corncrake and all the rest of the wildlife, the water tables that feed into the water sources (drinking water for the animals on the land – cattle, sheep, horses & wildlife)
- **Property Value and Community Impact:** The presence of large-scale infrastructure of this nature may adversely affect property values and the overall attractiveness of the area as a place to live, with the proposed sub-station at 22 mts tall the views of the kinnity mountains will be gone or heavily restricted with a 22 mt high 100 mt long metal box in the bog.
- **Traffic and Construction Disruption:** The construction phase is likely to involve significant heavy vehicle traffic, which could damage local roads and disrupt the community. With the proposed substation location to the front of my residence and access to this site less than 100 mts from my home, the amount of construction traffic on this local road, dust and noise from this site.
- **Splitting developments:** The proposed sub-station is large enough to facilitate the 2nd proposed Wind Farm of Bellair Wind farm, which will bring additional 8 Turbines.

As a resident of the local area, I am very disappointed with the lack of communication and the manner in which Bord Na Mona have conducted their surveys with lack of input from local residents from the start of this project.

Since building my house in 2006, every summer I have encountered, as a result of the production of peat in Lemanaghan Bog, the peat/dust from production has blocked the vents/gullies in the roof valleys and has caused a lot of damage both on the roof and internally (ceilings water damaged) with no help from Bord na Mona to help or rectify these issues. I have endured these issues and the attached costs incurred by Bord Na Mona which were until now out weighed by the scenic beauty of the views of both the mountains a bogland, however this will be diminished by the proposed Wind Farm and Sub Station.

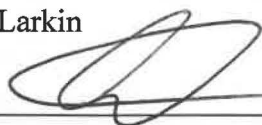
Given these concerns, I respectfully request that this application be carefully reconsidered and ultimately refused.

I would appreciate confirmation that this submission has been received and taken into account as part of the planning process.

Trusting that you can see and empathise with the irreputable damage which this proposed Wind Farm and Sub Station

Yours Sincerely

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