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Case 324161

Leamonaghan

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This submission outlines my concerns regarding the proposed Leamonaghan Wind Farm development and the serious impact it could have on the local area, environment, heritage, and nearby communities.

I want to make it clear that this objection is not against renewable energy in general. I understand the need for cleaner energy and reducing emissions. However, I believe this particular development is far too large and industrial for such a sensitive area and would seriously damage the landscape, wildlife, heritage, peatlands, and quality of

life for people living nearby.

The proposed development includes 15 turbines with a height of 220 metres, along with

extensive

roads, substations, drainage works, borrow pits, overhead lines, and major construction works across a large bogland area close to the historic monastic site at Lemanaghan.

There are already serious concerns about the location of several turbines and parts of the road infrastructure because of the archaeological sensitivity of the area, especially around the historic

bog trackways and monastic landscape.

Health and Residential Amenity

The scale of these turbines is extremely worrying. At 220 metres high, they would dominate the

local landscape and have a major impact on

people living nearby.

Residents could face constant turbine noise, low-frequency sound, shadow flicker, loss of privacy,

and a serious loss of rural peace and tranquillity. Even if noise levels technically meet guidelines,

that does not mean people's quality of life will not be affected.

Wildlife, Biodiversity and Peatlands

The proposed site lies within a sensitive peatland environment with bog habitats, wetlands,

woodland areas, and important wildlife corridors.

Peatlands are hugely important for biodiversity, flood prevention, water quality, and carbon storage.

Disturbing them through excavation, drainage, and road building can cause long-term

environmental damage.

Archaeology, Heritage and Historic Landscape

One of the biggest concerns is the impact on the historic landscape around Lemanaghan.

This area is internationally important from an archaeological and cultural point of view. It contains

an early Christian monastic settlement, medieval church remains, ancient bog roads and trackways,

a holy well, and many other archaeological features. The introduction of massive industrial turbines into this landscape would permanently damage the

setting and character of the area.

Landscape and Visual Impact

The open bog landscape around Lemanaghan is one of the defining features of the area. Turbines of this height would be visible for huge

distances and would completely alter the skyline.

Tourism and Recreation

The area has strong tourism and recreation potential because of its natural beauty,

archaeology,

heritage, peatlands, walking routes, and cycling opportunities.

Hydrology and Peat Stability

Peatlands are extremely sensitive systems.

Construction work involving excavation and drainage

can destabilise peat and alter water movement across the bog.

Conclusion

The concerns surrounding this development are serious and relate to the long-term protection of the environment, heritage, landscape, and local communities.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed development should not proceed in its current form and

requires substantial reduction, redesign, and reassessment to properly protect the area and the people living within it.

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