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Ref: PAX19.324161 - Proposed Lemonaghan Wind Farm

To Whom It Concerns:

I wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development planned for the Lemanaghan region.

This area is of significant historical, environmental, and ecological importance. It contains valuable natural habitats, established wildlife corridors, protected flora and fauna, pollinator populations including bees, and bat activity that are integral to the biodiversity of the region. The proposed development risks causing irreversible damage to this sensitive landscape.

The area is also deeply connected to local heritage and historical identity, particularly through its association with St. Manchan. It is unthinkable that industrial-scale wind turbines would be erected in proximity to St. Manchan's Holy Well, an important pilgrimage site, or St. Mella's Cell. Today, Lemanaghan is recognised as an important early Christian monastic landscape, containing ancient bog roads, holy wells, church ruins, and long-standing pilgrimage traditions linked to St. Manchan's legacy.

The industrialisation of this landscape through large-scale turbines, associated access roads, excavation works, substations, and transmission infrastructure would permanently alter the character of the area and diminish its cultural, spiritual, and historical significance.

In addition to the visual impact, the construction and operation of the proposed development raise serious concerns regarding habitat destruction, disturbance to wildlife, noise pollution, shadow flicker, peatland disruption, and the long-term environmental consequences for this unique and sensitive area. Peatlands are important carbon sinks, and any disturbance to these ecosystems risks releasing stored carbon and undermining climate objectives the project claims to support.

The cumulative impact of such a development on the landscape, biodiversity, heritage, and local community cannot be underestimated. The Lemanaghan area is not an appropriate location for industrial-scale energy infrastructure, and its protection should take precedence over commercial development interests.

I respectfully urge the relevant planning authorities to reject this proposal and ensure the preservation of the environmental integrity, historical heritage, and cultural identity of the Lemanaghan region for future generations.

I am particularly concerned about:

- The impact on wildlife habitats and biodiversity

- Disturbance and mortality risks to bats and birds
- Damage to peatlands, wetlands, hedgerows, and native ecosystems
- Potential effects on pollinators and bee populations
- Noise pollution and shadow flicker impacts on nearby residents
- The cumulative impact alongside existing nearby wind farm developments
- Potential impacts on water quality, drainage, and local ecology
- The visual and environmental degradation of an important rural and historical landscape

These concerns are especially significant given the ecological sensitivity and cultural importance of the Lemanaghan area. The landscape supports a rich variety of wildlife and forms part of an interconnected natural environment that should be protected rather than subjected to industrial-scale development.

Furthermore, the cumulative impact of additional turbines in an area already affected by existing wind farm developments must be carefully assessed. The gradual industrialisation of the wider landscape risks permanently changing the character of the region and placing increasing pressure on local communities, habitats, and ecosystems.

There are also growing public concerns regarding the health and wellbeing impacts reported by residents living near existing wind farm developments in nearby areas. These concerns deserve serious consideration and transparent, independent assessment before any further developments are approved.

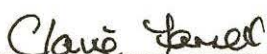
I believe local residents have not been adequately listened to, and community concerns should be given proper attention throughout this process. In my opinion, Bord na Móna should engage directly with residents living near the existing Cloghan Wind Farm and listen to the experiences of those who feel their quality of life, wellbeing, and health have been negatively affected before progressing with any further wind farm developments.

Developments of this scale should not proceed without meaningful consultation, genuine community engagement, and full consideration of the concerns raised by those most directly impacted. Local voices, heritage, environmental protection, and community wellbeing must be treated as central considerations in any planning decision affecting the Lemanaghan region.

The protection of this area's heritage, biodiversity, wildlife, and community wellbeing must take precedence over industrial-scale development. I respectfully urge the planning authorities to reject this proposal and ensure that the unique environmental, cultural, historical, and spiritual significance of the Lemanaghan region is preserved for future generations.

Thank you for giving my submission your full attention.

Yours sincerely,



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