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To:  
The Board  
An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1  
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Re: Objection to Proposed Wind Farm Development at Lemanaghan, Co. Offaly. Case: **324161**.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development at Lemanaghan, County Offaly.

My objection is based on serious concerns regarding the unprecedented scale of the proposed turbines, the impact on local residents and families, the environmental consequences for the bogland and surrounding landscape, and the lack of adequate clarity from the developer regarding the expected noise and flicker impacts.

The proposed turbines, at approximately 220 metres in height, would be the tallest wind turbines in Ireland. Their immense scale is wholly inappropriate for the sensitive and historic landscape of Lemanaghan. This area is one of immense natural beauty and cultural importance, particularly as the home of an ancient monastic settlement with deep historical and spiritual significance. The industrialisation of this landscape through turbines of such extraordinary height would permanently damage its character and visual amenity.

I am deeply concerned about the impact these turbines would have on nearby homes and farms, including the effects of turbine noise, low-frequency sound, and shadow flicker. Bord na Móna have not clearly stated exactly how loud these turbines will be, despite the enormous scale proposed. This lack of transparency is extremely worrying for residents living nearby.

The shadow flicker effect caused by rotating turbine blades would have a serious impact on my home, farm, and farm animals. Constant flickering and movement can cause significant distress and disruption to daily life and farming activities. The potential effects on livestock behaviour and welfare are also a major concern.

In addition, I am gravely worried about the impact on health and wellbeing. Sleep disturbance, stress, anxiety, and loss of quality of life are commonly associated with large-scale wind farm developments located close to homes. I already experience considerable worry regarding the prospect of these turbines operating so near to family residences.

I am particularly concerned for my autistic children when they visit their grandparents who live near the proposed development. Children with autism can be especially sensitive to repetitive noise, vibration, visual disturbance, and environmental stressors. The constant turbine movement, shadow flicker, and noise could cause severe distress and sensory overload, negatively affecting their ability to feel safe and comfortable while visiting family.

The disruption to sleep patterns and the stress associated with living close to turbines of this scale cannot be underestimated. Residents deserve the right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes and countryside without fear of persistent industrial noise and visual intrusion.

I also question the suitability of this location from an environmental perspective. Lemanaghan is not known as one of the windiest areas in Ireland, raising concerns about whether this project is appropriate or necessary in this location. Furthermore, the boglands in the area would be far better preserved as protected carbon sinks. Constructing turbines of this size would require vast quantities of concrete and significant ground disturbance, potentially damaging peatland ecosystems and undermining climate benefits through carbon release from disturbed bogland.

The cumulative impact of these issues — visual, environmental, cultural, agricultural, and health-related — makes this development wholly unsuitable for Lemanaghan.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála refuse planning permission for this proposed wind farm development.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Rigney