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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 Lemonaghan 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 namely St. Manchan. It is unthinkable to erect wind turbines near St Manchan's holy well which is a pilgrimage site or St. Mellas cell. Today, Lemonaghan is remembered as an important early Christian monastic landscape, with ancient bog roads, holy wells, church ruins, and pilgrimage traditions all linked to St Manchan's legacy. The industrialisation of this landscape through large-scale turbines, associated roads, excavation works, substations and transmission infrastructure would permanently alter the character of the area and diminish its cultural and historical significance.

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

There are also growing public concerns regarding 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.

I believe local residents have not been adequately listened to, and community concerns should be given proper attention. In my opinion Bord na Móna should visit the people concerned in the nearby Cloghan Wind Farm, listen to how their lives and health have been disrupted before continuing with any more wind farms. Developments of this scale should not proceed without meaningful consultation with residents.

I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála:

- Refuse permission for this development in its entirety

The protection of this area's heritage, biodiversity, wildlife and community wellbeing must take precedence.

Yours sincerely,



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