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RE; Planning Reference Number VA07.324162

Project Name; 220kV Substation and 220kV Underground electricity cabling connecting to the existing Cashla 220kV substation, Athenry

Date; 21st May 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Athenry and believe the proposed 220kV Substation and 220kV Underground electricity cabling connecting to the existing Cashla 220kV substation, Athenry should not be built for the following reasons:

- Substation Site
 - o The development conflicts with the rural character and agricultural objectives of the Athenry Local Area Plan 2024 - 2030.
 - o The proposed substation is a large scale industrial installation on agricultural land in a rural residential area.
- Infrastructure Disruption
 - o Local roads I use nearly every day will be closed for months, disruption for my travel to work, people going to schools and emergency services will all be adversely affected.
 - o No road by road diversion plan provided for any affected road.
- Safety Concerns
 - o The Castlelambert Overbridge has been confirmed structurally unsafe by the applicant's own engineers under their own project loads. The grid connection works pass directly through the same location. No integrated structural assessment has been provided.
- Split Application
 - o This application is being made separately from the proposed gas/diesel peaker power plant but the power plant requires what is set out in this planning application and vice versa. That separate proposal is also not suitable and

objected on numerous points and issues and without being approved there is no reason for this proposal.

- o Two separate applications prevent a full combined environmental, traffic and ecological assessment of the overall project.
- o Gannow Wind Farm (ACP 500493) proposes to use the same roads - 142 HGV movements per day with no combined impact assessment.

Yours Sincerely,
Conor Mc Carthy