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Co. Galway

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Planning Ref: VA07.324162

We wish to formally object to the above planning application on the grounds that the proposed development would have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity, local access, road safety, construction conditions, and the wellbeing of nearby residents.

The proposed cable route would pass directly outside our home. Based on the applicant's own documentation, this would appear to involve a road closure or significant restriction for an extended period, potentially up to six months. This would cause major disruption to our household, including daily travel to work and transport to three different schools. The application does not appear to set out adequate measures to maintain reasonable access for affected residents throughout the construction period.

We are also particularly concerned about road safety during the proposed works. Our youngest daughter regularly cycles to the local school, and there are other children and vulnerable road users in the area. The application does not appear to provide sufficient detail on the traffic management and safety measures that would be put in place to protect schoolchildren, cyclists, pedestrians, and residents during the construction phase.

In our view, the application also fails to adequately assess the likely impact of the proposed works on our home and family. There are six people in our household, and the disruption associated with prolonged roadworks immediately outside the property would be considerable. No sufficient mitigation measures appear to have been identified for residents who would be directly affected in this way.

A further serious concern is the absence of clear detail regarding emergency access. The application does not adequately demonstrate how emergency vehicles and services would retain safe and reliable access at all times while the works are being carried out. We are also concerned about the long-term health and safety implications of locating cables and chambers in close proximity to existing homes along the route.

In particular, insufficient independent information has been provided in relation to any potential electromagnetic field impacts and the broader safeguarding of local residents. Given the proximity of the proposed infrastructure to homes and community facilities, we believe that a more robust and independent assessment should have accompanied the application.

We are also concerned about the likely construction impacts associated with the ground conditions in this area. From our own experience of building our house, the ground locally contains substantial rock. This raises serious concerns about prolonged rock breaking, excessive noise, vibration, dust, and the potential for damage to nearby properties. The application does not appear to contain sufficient independent analysis of these likely impacts on homes, residents, and nearby facilities, including the local school.

More generally, the proposed works would create significant dust, nuisance, traffic disruption, inconvenience, and loss of amenity in what is currently a rural residential area. In our view, the likely impacts on local residents have not been properly assessed or adequately addressed within the application. For all of these reasons, we respectfully request that this planning application be refused unless and until these serious concerns are fully examined and satisfactorily addressed.

Yours faithfully,

Elaine & Francis Mulry