

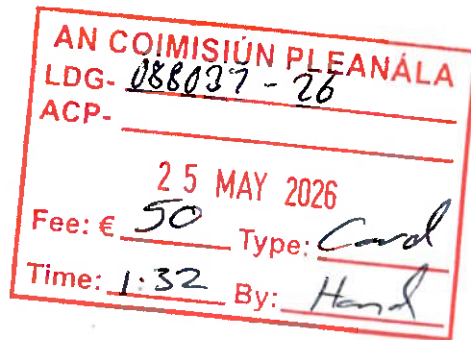
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Planning Application Reference Number: ACP-324165-26
Applicant: Maughanaclea Ltd aka Enerco
Description of Development: Construction of 14 Industrial Wind Turbines Maughanaclea
Location: Maughanaclea, County Cork

A Chara,

I refer to the above planning application and wish to make the following submission / objection in relation to the proposed development. I wish to object to the proposed development based on the points outlined below:

- Firstly, I have concerns over the visual impact of the proposed development. This area, as part of the Wild Atlantic Way, relies heavily on tourism and the construction of unsightly Wind Turbines could be a major turn off for tourists choosing to holiday in the area. For example, we have a beautiful holiday destination in the Mealagh valley which has unspoilt views of Bantry Bay and which brings in many tourists each year. The facilities at this resort are also enjoyed by local residents and naturally, a holiday destination such as this brings in money for the local area and creates jobs for local people. This proposed Wind Farm is going to completely alter the views and experience of those staying at the location and I fear that they will not come if they are unable to experience the peace and tranquillity they were looking for and could

experience prior to the existence of the Wind Farm. If tourists no longer visit the area, this will have an extremely negative effect on the local economy as a whole.

- I also have concerns over the noise created by these Wind Turbines. The noise associated with the building of these Turbines is going to be unbearable for local residents. In a place that is so peaceful, where many have chosen to live precisely for that reason, the noise generated by the construction will come as a terrible shock and will be incredibly difficult to deal with.
- Lastly, I have huge concerns about the effects that these Wind Turbines will have on the local residents' health and well-being. From researching the effects of these Wind Turbines in other rural areas, the reports of the effects of the constant noise emanating from the Wind Turbines is alarming. I have learnt that people frequently report sleep disturbances, headaches and distress caused by shadow flicker. This is all the more worrying considering that we have two primary schools in the vicinity of the proposed windfarm. The children will be particularly vulnerable to the health impacts caused by the windfarm especially those with special needs or those with sensory issues.
- For the reasons outlined above, I see no community benefits from the construction of this Wind farm. Upon researching other such Wind Farms both in Ireland and abroad, it appears that local residents do not end up with reduced electricity bills or any other benefits, as are often promised with these projects. Any benefits of such projects remain solely with the companies who own them who reap all profits while the rest of us suffer the consequences in the name of greed.

On the basis of the above, I trust my concerns will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being reached on this planning application. I believe that this development would cause unacceptable harm to the landscape, environment, health and well-being of the people and should therefore be refused.

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