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Planning Application Reference Number: ACP-324165-26

Applicant: Maughanaclea Ltd, Enerco

Description of Development: Construction of 14 Industrial Wind Turbines, a 110kV substation and 110kV underground cabling connection and associated works
Maughanaclea

Location: Maughanaclea, County Cork

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the above planning application and wish to formally object to the proposed development with this submission based on the points outlined below:

- Noise, Light Pollution, and Shadow Flicker

Wind turbines of this scale will introduce persistent noise (including low-frequency noise) into an otherwise quiet, rural environment. Shadow flicker and aviation lighting will also be a nuisance, affecting quality of life for residents and wildlife. This is especially concerning given the size of the turbines (169m tip height).

- Dark Sky area

A Dark Sky Community application is in progress for the Mealagh Valley — if successful it would be the first in Ireland — permanently precluded by the 28 mandatory red aviation warning lights of the proposed turbines. Wind Farm

lights are a source of light pollution in the nocturnal landscape which will negatively affect astronomy and tourism in the area.

- Construction and traffic disruption

The construction phase is expected to take 18-24 months with long days of rock breaking and heavy machinery noise that will boom across the valley. The very busy R586 will be massively affected, impacting daily commuters, deliveries and hospital care patients.

- Oversaturation of Wind Farms

West Cork has more than it's fair share of wind turbines, Cork being the 2nd most densely populated county. Having hiked the Pilgrim's way I was alarmed at how many were visible overlooking Gouganne Barra. Ireland has the highest electricity prices in Europe while Data centres are incentivized with cheaper rates and wind farms are paid whether their generated energy is used or not. These businesses do not create many jobs and will harm local businesses.

For these reasons, I believe this development would cause unacceptable damage to the landscape, environment, and community of the area and should be refused.



Sincerely,

Danny Manning