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OBJECTION TO PLANNING

Case Details: 324165/ Case reference: PAX04.324165
Planning Application Reference Number: ACP-324165-26

Applicant: Maughanaclea Ltd / Enerco

Description of Development: 10 year planning permission for Maughanaclea Wind Farm consisting of 14 no. wind turbines, a 110kV substation and 110kV underground cabling connection and associated work

Location: Maughanaclea, County Cork

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express my objection to planning Reference Number 25/6052, ie. Dreenacreenig wind farm.

As the wind turbines are proposed to be build in close proximity to my home, my main concerns are:

1- The VISUAL IMPACT ON LANDSCAPE character. This unspoiled part of West Cork will be ruined.

- A. The location's TOURISTIC VALUE (high scenic and heritage) will be completely lost with sky high turbines. The turbines, on top of the mountains, will brake the skyline for the whole of West Cork.
- B. The ecological and cultural character of the area will be irreparable: heritage sites, birds diversity, water quality being ruined.
- C. Dark night sky will be broken by the red turbines lights.

2- CUMULATIVE LANDSCAPE IMPACT. The area is targeted by an overwhelming number of wind farms proposals (Curraglass, Dreenacreenig, Goulacullin, Gourtoughra and Cummeen).

3- The 2006 GUIDELINES ARE OUTDATED and Cork County Council should not approve any more wind farms until there are new updated rules. This guidelines do not provide enough any safeguard to citizens agains developers.

4- Residential Amenity - CONSTRUCTION NOISE IMPACTS. The noise from turbine base works will be intermittent and intrusive, the Mealagh Valley acting as a resonance box.

5- LOW FREQUENCY NOISE (LFN). It is recognised that wind farms cause sleep disturbance, annoyance, stress, or general quality of life. These are now increasingly considered important in planning guidance for wind farms and they have not been take into consideration in this development plan.

6- IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY. Our well is situated in close proximity to the proposed wind farms. The effects on drinking water may cause health issues.

I trust my concerns will be taken into consideration before a decision is made on this planning application.

Kind regards,
David Mendez