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Planning Application Reference Number : 1807 324  
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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  
works.

Location: Maughanaclea, County Cork.

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The scale of excavation that will be involved in the construction of the proposed turbines will have a serious impact on the sensitive biodiversity of these peatlands, which are essential for carbon storage and water regulation. These peatlands play a vital role in supporting native wildlife e.g. Pine Martin, Red Squirrel, Irish Hare and Fresh Water Mussel and many native plants. It is not right to be destroying and pushing all of these native species to the brink of extinction.
2. The water that flows from the Maughanaclea Hills everyday supplies water to a reservoir at the foot of these hills which supplies water to a large community of over 588 homes. It serves an area from Maughanaclea onto Kealkil, Peasons Bridge and Ballylickey.

I am very worried about contamination of this water supply as there has been problems in the past of contamination.

Flooding of farmland and local GAA grounds in the Valley of Kealkil down from Maughanaclea has always been a problem when there is heavy rainfall. With this scale of excavation required for these proposed turbines and the loss of peatland for soakage, will the flooding of these lands be exacerbated.

3. The proposed turbines are 169 meters high which is totally out of scale with the rural landscape. This beautiful unspoilt part of West Cork would be permanently damaged and they will be visible from the R585 which is a designated scenic route. Kealkil Stone Circle is a big attraction to tourists visiting the area, these proposed turbines will spoil the ambience of this site.

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

Sincerely,  
MARIE O'LEARY

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