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Description: 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 by Maughanaclea Ltd

Location: Ardrah, Maughanaclea, Ballynamought, Gortloughra, Cousane, Coomclogh, Derragh, Glanycarney, Keenrath, Derrynacaheragh, Shiplough, Coolsnaghtig and other townlands Co. Cork.

Applicant: Maughanaclea Ltd, Enerco

Dear Planning Authority,

I have lived in Maughanaclea for over 50 years. I want to object to the proposed wind farm. This is a very large project that will be close to homes, including mine, and I am worried about how it will change daily life. After reading the documents, I do not think everything has been properly checked or clearly explained.

From my house, I will see many of the turbines every day. Turbines T01 to T06 will be visible from my kitchen, and turbines T11, T12 and T13 will be visible from my living room. This means the wind farm will be part of my view at all times. It will not be something in the distance, but something I live with every day.

One of my main concerns is about water and flooding. It looks like there may be a mistake in how a local stream has been shown in the report. The direction it flows and where it joins the river system does not seem to match what is actually there. This is important because the flood plans depend on this being correct. If this basic information is wrong, then the rest of the study may also be wrong. This area is already wet, and there are very clean rivers nearby that need protection. Building on bog and wet ground could damage these waters. I am also

worried about private wells, as many homes depend on them, but there does not seem to have been proper testing done.

The size and look of the turbines are also a big concern. They will be very tall and placed on high ground, so they will be seen from far away. This is a quiet and beautiful rural area, and the turbines will change how it looks. They will also be clearly visible from local roads that are known for their views. Once they are built, this change cannot be undone.

The wind farm will also affect homes directly. The turbines will always be in view, and the blades will be moving all the time. There will also be flashing lights at night, which will change the dark and peaceful countryside. Another issue is shadow flicker. This happens when sunlight passes through the moving blades and creates a flashing light. It can affect both inside the house and outdoor areas like the garden. It is not clear that the report fully shows how often this will happen.

Noise is also a concern. This area has hills and valleys, which can change how sound travels. It is not clear that this has been fully considered. There are also small guest places and quiet retreats nearby that depend on peace and quiet, and these do not seem to have been properly considered. The building work will last a long time and will bring heavy machines and more traffic, which will add to the disturbance.

This area also has important history, with old sites and landmarks that are part of its character. Large turbines will change how these places look and feel, especially where views are important.

Overall, I do not believe the project has been studied carefully enough to show that these problems can be avoided. There are clear concerns about water, homes, the landscape, and local heritage. This is a big development and its effects will last a long time.

For these reasons, I ask that permission is refused, or that much more detailed work is done before any decision is made.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Nuala O'Mahony". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nuala O'Mahony