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I have attached my response to your letter of 14th August
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I am responding to the letter of 14 August 2026 from Honor Caird Marren

My response is confined to Section 4.3.2 (Nature Conservation) of the RtO

Night-time lighting and birds

The Department of Defence requires all 14 turbines to carry fixed red aviation obstacle lights (2,000 candela, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This is confirmed in EIAR Chapter 15 (§15.2.4.3) and the applicant has confirmed acceptance of this condition in the RtO at Section 4.2 (p. 34). I am concerned about the cumulative effect of night time lighting on bird species that fly at night, including migratory birds. The applicant does not appear to have addressed this issue at all and I see this as a major weakness in their response.

Inconsistencies

The applicant's RtO includes the Dreenacreenig West wind farm in its cumulative bird impact assessments. The original EIAR however did not include Dreenacreenig West in the cumulative assessments for landscape, visual impact, or noise. This means the applicant is using one set of neighbouring developments when assessing bird impacts and a different set when assessing everything else. I would suggest that this discrepancy needs explaining and addressing.

In my opinion An Coimisiún Pleanála should require the applicant to provide a consistent cumulative baseline, and also should require detailed nocturnal bird data based on best international practise.

David Richards
30th August 2026