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An Coimisiun Pleanála,
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**Re: Objection to the Proposed Tirawley Wind Farm Strategic Infrastructure
Development Objection Submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála**

Re: Planning permission for the construction of Tirawley Windfarm consisting of 16 no. wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation, 110kV underground cable and grid connection, and ancillary development in the townlands of Ballymurphy, Ballynaleck, Barnhill Lower & Upper, Barroe, Billoos, Carn, Carrickanass, Carrowmore, Castlelacken Demesne, and other townlands in County Mayo.

Case Number: PAX16.324258

Dear Sir/Madam

Hi my name is Angela Keely, this is my submission I am putting in against the proposed wind turbines and proposed BESS site and power station in Lacken.

The following is my submission:

1. There was no consultation despite them saying they sent a public liaison officer to meet people and go around door to door at no point did this happen.
2. I live in close proximity to the proposed site and I'm concerned about noise, infrasound and shadow flicker, and the very strong ramifications of that, such as sleep being seriously affected and compromised due to the omission of low frequency humming noise at night. I suffer from depression, and I'm deeply concerned that this will further exasperate my mental health and wellbeing and state of mind. The reason I chose to live here was because of the peace and quiet which I feel will be severely compromised and impacted if this proposed project goes ahead.
3. The chosen site is totally unsuitable for wind turbines, because it is a highly scenic vulnerable landscape within 1 kilometre of the Lacken salt marsh of special conservation,

this is an area of rich and rare biodiversity, from the point of view of ornithology, it's a significant site for the following; curlew, golden plover and red shanks.

4. There have been several sightings of the hen harrier close to the proposed wind turbine sights. I'm not satisfied that the applicant has carried out proper studies to ensure the protection of this protected species. There was no proper winter roost survey carried out by the applicant. Both myself and my neighbours have heard the curlew and the cuckoo on numerous occasions, myself and my neighbours are gravely concerned about the welfare and conservation of this vulnerable and threatened species of birds.

5. Lacken is a beautiful scenic coastal area, with untainted golden strands, high sand dunes, and panoramic coastal view. The whole character, integrity and distinctiveness of the landscape would be deeply compromised, and it would deeply affect the wildlife and biodiversity.

6. Tourism in the area would be badly affected, and tourists will not visit an area with an industrial scale wind farm. Downpatrick is also another area closely linked to Lacken in proximity that sees a lot of tourists pass through on the Wild Atlantic Way due to its historic value and the fact that the world championships for diving made it prominent and popular.

7. I'm also deeply concerned about all the cumulative effects of all the proposed wind turbines farms from Ballycastle to Lacken. I do not believe that the applicant has given the cumulative effects proper consideration.

8. Ceide Fields is a world renowned and oldest neolithic site in Europe, archaeological studies carried out by Gretta Byrne and other archaeologists have confirmed that the Ceide Fields complex extends from Bellderrig right across to the Lacken Hills. I'm concerned this world renowned site could be compromised, the applicant has not addressed the importance and significance of this in their application.

9. In 2012 an application was made by a local family for 4 small turbines. The application was refused by both Mayo County Council and An Bord Pleanála because it would damage the visual amenity of the area due to the proximity of Killala Bay. The concerns raised in 2012 still stand today and are even more relevant given the enormity of this proposed development.

16 very large wind turbines will damage the visual amenity a 100 times greater than they had suggested. An Bórd Pleanála must take into consideration its own precedent decisions. Also a lot of people in the area have been refused planning permission for dwelling houses because of the damage done to local amenities.

10. Lacken is an ancient historical, spiritual and sacred land where St. Patrick once dwelled and was held captive. Most of the academic studies suggest this, and it holds a large number of recorded national monuments and unrecorded monuments.

11. Many streams flow through the proposed site down to the Lacken Strand and the salt marsh. I am very concerned about the potential contamination and pollution arising from the construction of turbines and the release of sediments, hydrocarbons and other damaging material into the aquatic environment. I am deeply concerned about my health being compromised, especially my lungs, as I am currently seeing a specialist in relation to this.

12. Palmerstown Bridge is a protected structure that wouldn't be capable of supporting such heavy amounts of traffic, abnormal heavy loads for the construction of the site, also there are a lot of small narrow roads that don't have the capacity to take these loads. It would cause severe disruption and disturb people getting to doctor appointments, hospital appointments, as people would be blocked in. The local infrastructure is not robust enough to cater for such heavy loads.

13. Another concern for me is the omission of heavy metals and gasses into the air and absorbed into the ground and water ways also, in the event of a fire, Mayo County Council would not have the resources available to deal with this. I'm also concerned about these 20 large-scale batteries located so close to people's homes. Livestock would be affected and greatly compromised.

14. The applicant portrays the area as an isolated insignificant area and fails completely to recognise that there is a living vibrant community of several hundred people who will be seriously impacted in all aspects of their lives. Several people here rely on tourism and farming activities as a livelihood and will be severely compromised.

In the applicant's proposal it's proposed that 3 turbines will be close to Lacken Cross Secondary school, there is a real risk for the health and safety of the students from shadow flicker, mechanical noise and low frequency humming and infrasound.

These are my concerns; I would ask that they be taken into consideration in relation to this proposal. I urge the board based on all the information available that this application be refused in its entirety.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Keely