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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Objection to Proposed Tirawley Wind Farm Strategic Infrastructure Development
Case Number: PAX16.324258

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development, including the associated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), substation, underground cable infrastructure and all ancillary works.

I am a resident of Lacken and live in close proximity to the proposed development area. I also commute daily between Lacken and Ballina using local roads that will be directly affected by construction traffic associated with this project.

While I recognise the importance of renewable energy and Ireland's transition to a low-carbon economy, I believe this particular development would have unacceptable impacts on local residents, road users, the landscape, the environment and public safety. My concerns are set out below.

1. Residential Amenity

Visual Impact

The proposed turbines are of a scale and height that will fundamentally alter the character of the landscape surrounding my home and community.

The Lacken area is characterised by open rural and coastal views, agricultural land and a relatively unspoilt landscape. The introduction of industrial-scale turbines into this environment will create a dominant visual presence that will significantly diminish the visual amenity currently enjoyed by residents.

What is currently a peaceful rural setting will become an industrialised energy landscape visible over a wide area.

Noise and Disturbance

I am concerned about the potential impact of turbine noise on the residents located to the allocated places of the turbines.

Although the operational noise levels may comply with technical standards, even relatively low levels of continuous mechanical and aerodynamic noise can be particularly noticeable in a quiet rural area such as Lacken.

I am concerned that turbine noise may adversely affect residential amenity, including the ability of residents to enjoy their homes and outdoor spaces without ongoing disturbance.

Shadow Flicker

The application should demonstrate that shadow flicker impacts on nearby homes can be fully avoided or adequately mitigated.

Shadow flicker is a recognised Planning issue and has the potential to cause significant nuisance for residents during certain times of the year, particularly where homes are located within the zone of influence of individual turbines.

Impact on an Elderly Resident

I am currently also living with my 75-year-old mother. The quiet rural environment in which we live is an important part of her quality of life. Increased noise, shadow flickers, visual intrusion and construction disturbance would have a particularly significant effect on our household.

While I appreciate that Planning decisions must be based on Planning considerations, the impact on residential amenities at our home is a genuine and material concern which should be given appropriate weight.

2. Traffic and Road Safety

As someone who uses local roads every day while travelling between Lacken and Ballina, I am extremely worried about the traffic implications of this development.

The construction phase will require the movement of abnormal-load vehicles carrying turbine components, together with a substantial volume of heavy goods vehicles and construction traffic.

Many roads in the area are narrow, winding and rural in nature. They were not designed to accommodate prolonged industrial-scale traffic movements.

The proposed works have the potential to result in:

- Increased road safety risks;
- Delays and disruption for residents;
- Additional hazards for cyclists and pedestrians;
- Difficulties for school transport services;
- Increased conflict between construction vehicles, agricultural traffic and local road users.

The adequacy of the road network and the safety implications of the proposed traffic volumes should be carefully examined before any permission is granted.

3. Landscape and Visual Character

The proposed development would have a substantial impact on the landscape character of the Lacken and Killala coastal area.

This area forms part of a highly valued landscape that is recognised for its scenic qualities, open coastal views and rural character. It is also associated with the wider Wild Atlantic Way tourism region.

The introduction of multiple industrial-scale wind turbines, associated infrastructure and a large BESS facility would significantly alter the existing landscape character and diminish the visual qualities that make this area distinctive.

In my view, the scale of the proposal is incompatible with the existing character of the surrounding landscape.

Land Owners Consents

Regarding the consent of land owners, in particular Point 10:

10	Constant Energy (Applicant is owner. Letter of consent not required)	MY25829 MY52871F MY39419F
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None of these lands are currently registered to Constant Energy Limited, (the Applicant) or the director named on the Application form i.e., Michael Hynes.

Although a Mapping issue is pending on Folios MY25829, no confirmation has been provided in this document by either a Solicitor or Ann – Marie confirming the lands are transferred to the applicant/company.

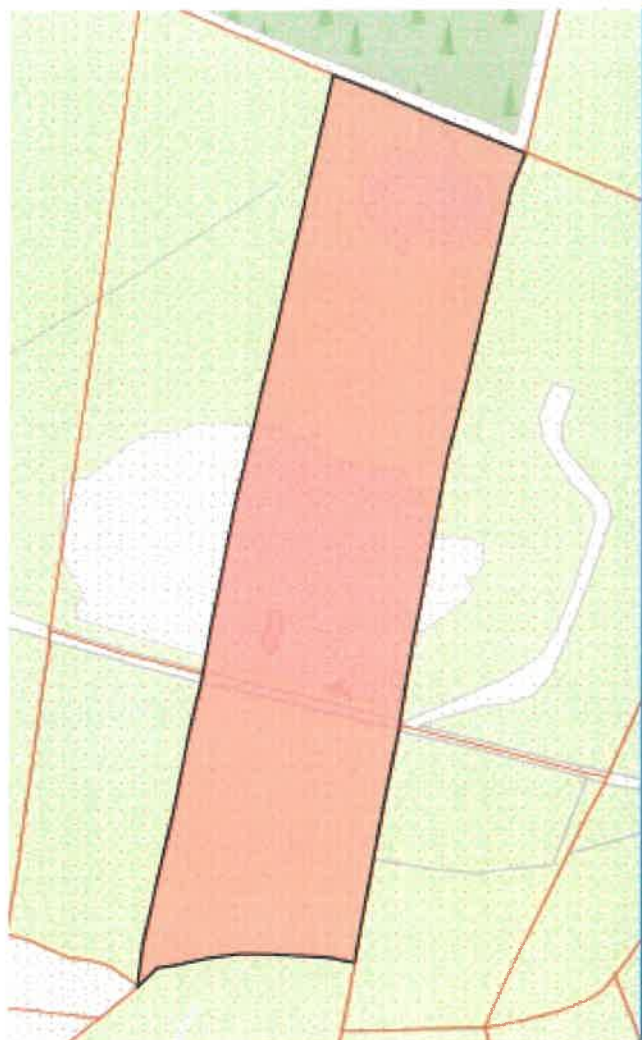
MY52871F and MY39419F are also in the name of Patrick Hynes, but Michael Hynes is named on the application form. Snippets below are taken from the Land Direct Website on the day of this submission.

The screenshot displays a map of land parcels with a large orange-shaded area. Labels on the map include 'LECARROWNTemple' and 'LISSADROVE WEST'. To the right of the map is a sidebar with the following information:

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- Folio Number:** MY25829
- Title Level:** Freehold
- Plan Number:** 15
- Property Number:** 2
- Area of selected plans:** 22.90 hectares.
- Number of Plans on this folio:** 2
- Address:** Not Available
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- The following Applications are Pending on this Folio**
- D2024LR110052R** Mapped
- Q2025LR004437M** For Further Attention
- *Táite Éireann Registration Boundaries and Plan Area are not conclusive. See [Section 62\(2\) of Registration of Title Act 2006](#) and [Rule 8\(3\) of the Land Registration Rules 2012](#).
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Folio	Owner Details	Copy Type
MY25829	ANN-MARIE MCDONNELL (Caherlea Tuam County Galway)	Copy Folio With Map



Property Details

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Folio Number	MY52871F
Title Level	Freehold
Plan Number	4
Property Number	1
Area of selected plans	5.78 hectares.
Number of Plans on this folio:	1
Address	Not Available

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MY52871F

Owner Details

PATRICK HYNES (Dun Carraig Spring Water Roxborough County Roscommon)

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Property Details

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Folio Number	MY39419F
Title Level	Freehold
Plan Number	3
Property Number	1
Area of selected plans	3.74 hectares.
Number of Plans on this folio:	1
Address	Not Available

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MY39419F	PATRICK HYNES (Roxboro County Roscommon)	Copy Folio With A

4. Environmental and Ecological Concerns

The area surrounding the proposed development contains important environmental and ecological resources, including designated Conservation sites and habitats that support protected species.

I am concerned about the potential impacts of the development on:

- Bird populations and flight paths;
- Bat species;
- Habitat connectivity and fragmentation;
- Peatland and wetland environments;
- Surface water and groundwater systems.

Given the sensitivity of the receiving environment, it is essential that all ecological impacts are comprehensively assessed and that any uncertainty is resolved before permission is considered.

Where significant environmental risks remain, the precautionary principle should apply.

5. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

I have serious concerns regarding the proposed Battery Energy Storage System and the potential risks associated with its operation.

Thermal Runaway and Fire Risk

International experience has demonstrated that lithium-ion battery installations can be vulnerable to runaway thermal events, which in some circumstances may result in fire, explosions and the release of hazardous gases.

While such events may be rare, the consequences can be significant.

The application should clearly demonstrate that all risks have been fully assessed and that robust mitigation measures are in place.

Public Safety

Given the proximity of local homes, roads and communities to the wider development area, I am concerned that the application has not sufficiently demonstrated how any major BESS incident could be safely managed.

Emergency Response

The application should include detailed information regarding emergency response procedures, fire suppression systems, evacuation measures and coordination with emergency services.

Before any permission is granted, I believe there should be clear evidence that any potential fire or thermal runaway event can be effectively managed without unacceptable risks to residents, road users or the environment.

Supporting Documentation

In particular, I believe the application should include:

- A comprehensive Quantitative Risk Assessment;
- A detailed Fire Safety Strategy;
- Assessment of potential smoke and gas dispersion impacts;
- Clear emergency response and evacuation procedures.

Without this information, it is difficult for affected residents to properly assess the risks associated with the proposed BESS facility.

6. Cumulative Impact

North Mayo has already experienced significant renewable energy and electricity infrastructure development.

The cumulative impact of existing wind farms, grid infrastructure and additional proposed renewable energy projects must be considered in assessing this application.

The combined effect of these developments risks changing the character of the area from a rural and scenic landscape into an increasingly industrialised energy corridor.

Cumulative impacts should be assessed not only in relation to individual receptors but also in terms of the overall character and identity of the region.

7. Tourism and Local Economy

The Lacken and Killala coastal area is valued by both residents and visitors for its scenery, beaches, walking routes, natural heritage and rural character.

These qualities contribute significantly to the local tourism economy.

I am concerned that the scale and visual prominence of the proposed development could negatively affect the attractiveness of the area for visitors and undermine the natural assets upon which local tourism depends.

8. Community Consultation

I do not believe that local residents have been adequately engaged in relation to the development of this scale.

Meaningful community consultation is particularly important where a proposal has the potential to affect residential amenities, landscape character and public safety.

Many residents remain concerned about the scale of the proposal and the potential impacts on the local area.

In my view, greater transparency and engagement with affected communities should have taken place throughout the development process.

9. Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development and associated Battery Energy Storage System.

The proposal would have significant adverse impacts on residential amenities, road safety, landscape character, environmental resources, public safety and the overall character of the Lacken area.

While I support the development of renewable energy in appropriate locations, I do not believe that this proposal achieves an acceptable balance between energy generation and the protection of local communities, environmental assets and rural landscape character.

I respectfully ask that my concerns be fully considered as part of the assessment of this application.

Thank you for your attention to this submission.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Kelly', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ann Kelly