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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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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,

I wish to make a formal submission on behalf of **CMG Professional Catering Ltd** in relation to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development.

CMG Professional Catering Ltd is a Mayo-based business providing catering services throughout County Mayo and beyond. Our operations include the provision of **hot school meals in excess of 50 schools across the county**, together with catering services to tourism, hospitality, events, community organisations and local businesses.

Our primary concern relates the impact on tourism and to the proposed construction phase of the development and the significant traffic impacts that are anticipated over an extended period. We believe that the assessment underestimates the consequences of construction traffic, abnormal load movements, road alterations, and potential traffic restrictions on businesses that rely on strict delivery schedules and efficient access to customers throughout the county. The EIAR acknowledges substantial construction traffic, abnormal loads, road upgrades, road alterations and impacts on sensitive receptors, including schools and school routes.

Impact on School Meals Service

CMG Professional Catering Ltd operates a large-scale school meals service delivering hot meals daily to schools across County Mayo. This service is dependent upon strict logistical planning, reliable road access and precise delivery times.

Unlike ordinary commercial deliveries, school meals must be delivered within specific time windows to coincide with school lunch schedules and to ensure compliance with food safety requirements. Meals must be consumed within prescribed periods following preparation and distribution. Any significant disruption to delivery routes can have immediate consequences for the schools we serve and the children who depend on these meals.

Many of the roads that will be utilised during the construction phase form part of our daily delivery network. Even minor delays to vehicles carrying hot meals can have a cumulative impact across multiple schools, potentially affecting meal quality, food temperature standards, delivery schedules and contractual service obligations.

The application does not appear to adequately assess the effect that construction-related traffic disruption may have on businesses providing essential services such as school meals. While schools are identified as sensitive receptors, the knock-on effects on service providers who rely on those routes every day have not been properly considered.

Impact on Tourism and Hospitality Trade

In addition to our school meals operation, CMG Professional Catering Ltd provides catering services to customers operating within the tourism, hospitality and events sectors throughout County Mayo.

The North Mayo coastline is recognised as one of Ireland's most distinctive visitor destinations. The area is renowned for its exceptional scenic quality, internationally recognised heritage assets, archaeological significance, and its position along the Wild Atlantic Way. Attractions such as Céide Fields, Downpatrick Head, Ballycastle and the wider Céide Coast landscape are central to the tourism offering of the region and attract visitors from Ireland and abroad. Mayo County Council has also identified the area as one of exceptional landscape sensitivity and has expressed concerns regarding the suitability of industrial-scale wind energy development in this location.

The proposed development would introduce large-scale industrial infrastructure into a landscape that is valued specifically for its natural beauty, heritage and sense of place. While the application seeks to minimise these impacts, we believe that the cumulative effect of turbines, associated infrastructure, construction activity and increased traffic movements would be detrimental to the visitor experience and to the tourism product upon which many local businesses depend.

We are particularly concerned that the proposal has the potential to undermine the significant investment and long-term tourism objectives for the area. Fáilte Ireland, local communities

and businesses have invested heavily in promoting North Mayo, the Wild Atlantic Way, Céide Fields and the Céide Coast experience as a world-class visitor destination.

As a catering business that services hospitality providers, tourism-related events and visitor-focused enterprises, any reduction in visitor numbers, overnight stays, organised tours, events or tourism spending would directly impact our business. A decline in tourism activity would also have wider consequences for accommodation providers, restaurants, cafés and employment throughout the region which is already in serious decline.

Furthermore, prolonged construction works, road widening, abnormal load deliveries and heavy construction traffic during peak tourism seasons could negatively affect visitor perceptions of the area and discourage repeat visits. The EIAR itself acknowledges the presence of sensitive tourism and visitor receptors, including the Céide Fields Visitor Centre and scenic tourism routes.

Given the internationally significant heritage, archaeological and landscape value of the area, we believe that the potential impacts on tourism and the wider visitor economy have not been adequately assessed and that insufficient weight has been given to the long-term economic importance of tourism to North Mayo.

Impacts on Local Employment and Business

CMG Professional Catering Ltd employs local people and supports a range of local suppliers and producers.

Any disruption to our ability to provide reliable school meal services or any reduction in tourism-related business has the potential to affect employment and economic activity within the county.

We are concerned that the economic consequences for existing businesses have not been given sufficient weight. While considerable emphasis is placed on the benefits of the proposed development, the practical impacts on established local enterprises that are already contributing to the county's economy should also be fully considered.

Conclusion

In conclusion, CMG Professional Catering Ltd respectfully submits that the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm would have significant adverse consequences for essential service providers, tourism-dependent businesses and local employment throughout North Mayo.

As outlined above, the scale and duration of the construction phase, together with the associated traffic disruption, road alterations and abnormal load movements, would create unacceptable risks for businesses such as ours that depend on reliable transport networks and strict delivery schedules. The proposal also threatens to undermine the tourism offering of an

area whose economy is heavily reliant on its exceptional landscape, heritage and visitor appeal.

We are particularly concerned that insufficient weight has been given to the potential impacts on established local businesses that already contribute significantly to the regional economy and provide important employment within the county. The long-term economic value of tourism, local enterprise and essential community services should not be compromised by a development of this scale in such a sensitive location.

For these reasons, CMG Professional Catering Ltd respectfully submits that the proposed development is not an appropriate form of development for this area and that the potential economic, tourism and service-delivery impacts identified in this submission provide compelling grounds for the refusal of planning permission.

Yours faithfully,

Ciarán McHale

CMG Professional Catering Ltd