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The Secretary
An Coimisiún 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, Castlелacken Demesne, and other townlands in County Mayo.

Case Number: PAX16.324258

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my strongest objection to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm because of the lasting impact it would have on my grandchildren, who live in Lacken.

Although I do not reside in Lacken myself, I have an exceptionally strong family connection to the area and visit my grandchildren there regularly. Some of my happiest memories are those spent with them enjoying everything that makes Lacken such a unique and special place. We spend time together on Lacken Strand, walking the quiet country roads, exploring the coastline, enjoying the local amenities, watching wildlife and simply appreciating the peace, beauty and tranquillity that define this remarkable community.

It deeply saddens me to think that my grandchildren's childhood could instead be overshadowed by a major industrial wind farm. The proposed 135-metre turbines would dominate the landscape around their home, introducing constant visual intrusion, rotating turbine blades, aviation warning lights, potential turbine noise and shadow flicker into the place where they live, play and grow up.

Children deserve to be raised in an environment that encourages outdoor play, recreation, physical activity and a connection with nature. Lacken has always offered that opportunity. The proposed development would fundamentally change the character of the area, replacing a peaceful rural landscape with industrial infrastructure on a scale never before experienced by this community.

As their grandparent, I am particularly concerned about the long-term impact on their quality of life. I want them to continue enjoying the beaches, fields, countryside and community amenities that have always been part of family life. I fear that the industrialisation of the landscape will diminish their enjoyment of these places and permanently alter the environment in which they are growing up.

I also worry about the uncertainty surrounding the cumulative effects of turbine noise, shadow flicker and the constant visual presence of multiple turbines over many years. While scientific opinion continues to evolve in some areas, I believe that where children are concerned, the planning authority should apply the precautionary principle and ensure that their health, wellbeing and quality of life are afforded the highest level of protection.

Perhaps my greatest concern is that this proposal would permanently change the legacy we leave to future generations. I want my grandchildren to inherit the same beautiful landscape, rich heritage, peaceful surroundings and strong sense of community that previous generations have passed on to us. Once these turbines are constructed, the character of Lacken will be fundamentally altered for decades, depriving today's children and those yet to come of the opportunity to experience the area as it has existed for generations.

Every time I visit my grandchildren, I want them to remember days spent on the beach, walking through an unspoilt landscape, enjoying nature and growing up in a place renowned for its beauty and tranquillity—not a landscape dominated by towering industrial structures.

For all of these reasons, and in the interests of protecting the wellbeing of my grandchildren, future generations, the unique landscape of Lacken and the community they call home, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuses permission for the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm.

I wish to adopt and support the detailed submission made by the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group in relation to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development (PAX16.324258). In particular, I endorse the concerns raised regarding cumulative wind farm development across North Mayo, impacts on the Céide Fields cultural landscape, effects on tourism and recreation, biodiversity impacts, inadequacies in community consultation, and the assessment of the Battery Energy Storage System. While I do not repeat those detailed arguments in full, I request that they be considered as forming part of this submission."

In conclusion, I respectfully submit that the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm project is not appropriate for this location due to the significant negative impacts on residential amenity, local landscape, ecology, infrastructure, and the community. I urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development in the interests of proper planning and sustainable development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,
Catherine Keating