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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, 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 **Lynns Pub, Killala**, in relation to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development.

Lynns Pub has served locals and visitors to North Mayo for many years and is part of the hospitality and tourism economy that supports the region. Our business relies significantly on passing trade from tourists travelling through Killala, Ballycastle, Lacken, Céide Fields, Downpatrick Head and the wider Wild Atlantic Way. A substantial portion of our customer base consists of visitors who come to North Mayo specifically because of its unique scenery, heritage, culture and natural environment.

I am concerned that the proposed development would have significant negative consequences for tourism, local businesses and the long-term economic future of the area. The North Mayo coast has spent decades establishing itself as a high-quality tourism destination, and I believe this proposal threatens the very qualities upon which its success depends.

Impact on Tourism and the Visitor Economy

The Wild Atlantic Way, Céide Fields, Downpatrick Head, the Céide Coast and the surrounding landscape are among the most important tourism assets in County Mayo. Visitors are attracted by the unspoilt coastline, the archaeological significance of the region, the outstanding scenery and the authentic rural character of North Mayo. These attractions generate significant economic activity for accommodation providers, restaurants, pubs, cafés and other small businesses throughout the area.

As a public house located in Killala, much of our trade comes from visitors travelling between these attractions. Tourists frequently stop in Killala for refreshments, meals and social activities as part of their wider experience of the region. Any reduction in visitor numbers or any decline in the area's attractiveness as a tourism destination would directly affect businesses such as ours.

I am particularly concerned that the application fails to adequately acknowledge the cumulative effect that large-scale wind energy developments may have on the tourism industry in North Mayo. Visitors do not come to experience industrial infrastructure. They come to experience the landscape, heritage and sense of place that makes this region unique. The introduction of large turbines and associated infrastructure into this landscape risks undermining the tourism product upon which many local businesses depend.

Importance of Céide Fields and Future Tourism Potential

One of the most significant opportunities for North Mayo in the coming years is the growing international recognition of the **Céide Fields** archaeological landscape. The prospect of the Céide Fields being advanced through the UNESCO World Heritage process represents an enormous opportunity for the region.

Recognition at this level would further enhance the international profile of North Mayo, attract greater visitor numbers and strengthen the area's reputation as a destination of global heritage significance. Businesses such as Lynns Pub stand to benefit from this increased tourism potential through greater visitor footfall, longer visitor stays and increased spending throughout the local economy.

It is therefore difficult to understand how introducing a major industrial-scale wind farm into the surrounding landscape aligns with the long-term vision for a region seeking to promote one of Europe's most important archaeological and cultural landscapes. The future economic opportunities associated with heritage tourism, cultural tourism and international recognition should be given very significant weight in determining this application.

North Mayo has an opportunity to build a sustainable tourism economy based on its unique natural and cultural assets. This opportunity should not be compromised by development that may damage the landscape setting upon which that future depends.

Traffic, Construction and Visitor Experience

I am also concerned about the impact of prolonged construction activity on the visitor experience.

The Environmental Impact Assessment acknowledges substantial construction traffic, abnormal load deliveries, road alterations and significant infrastructure works. These activities will create disruption on roads used daily by both local residents and visitors.

The roads linking Killala, Ballycastle, Lacken and other coastal destinations form an important part of the visitor experience. They provide access to some of the most scenic areas in County Mayo and are heavily used by tourists exploring the Wild Atlantic Way.

Years of construction activity, heavy traffic movements and road modifications have the potential to negatively impact visitor perceptions of the area and discourage repeat visits. Any reduction in tourism activity would have direct consequences for hospitality businesses such as Lynns Pub and for many other enterprises that depend on visitor spending throughout the region.

Impact on Local Businesses and Employment

The local economy in North Mayo is heavily reliant on tourism and hospitality. Businesses do not operate in isolation; pubs, restaurants, accommodation providers, activity operators and retailers all benefit from a thriving visitor economy.

A decline in visitor numbers affects not only individual businesses but also local employment and community sustainability. Existing businesses have invested heavily in supporting tourism and promoting the area. I am concerned that the economic contribution of these established enterprises has not been given sufficient consideration within the overall assessment of the project.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I respectfully submit that the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm would have significant adverse implications for tourism, hospitality businesses and the wider economy of North Mayo.

As the proprietor of Lynns Pub, I am concerned that the development risks undermining the landscape, heritage and visitor experience that attract customers to our business and sustain many local jobs.

Particular consideration should be given to the future tourism opportunities associated with the Céide Fields, its growing international recognition and the potential economic benefits that heritage tourism can bring to the region. The long-term value of these opportunities should not be jeopardised by industrial-scale development in such a sensitive landscape.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that **An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development.**



Yours

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