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The Secretary
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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,

Having reviewed the planning documents provided for the proposed Tirawley windfarm I wish to raise the following concerns:

I object completely and in the strongest terms possible against the proposed Tirawley windfarm development in our area. Our work which is farming is dependent on having access 24/7 365 days a year to our farm and our work. All of this year so far we have spent all of our time lambing sheep and calving cows. This work does not happen to a time table schedule. We live over 1.5 miles from our farmyard and our farm is fragmented. So far this year and every year we have spent more time on the farm working than we have in the house or asleep. It is usually early morning before we get to bed when the newborn lambs and calves are born. We are working 24/7 365 days a year. It will be impossible to continue our work as it is imperative that we have constant access to our animals and our work. The proposed development means that access to our work and our farm will be closed to us

because of this construction. With constant heavy construction machinery building roads for better access for the heavy machinery and taking down our fences even the access to our farmyard will be removed. I am not exaggerating when I say that we are critically in danger of losing our farm and our livelihood if this proposed windfarm gets planning permission. Our adult family, our daughter Edel is farming full time with us and our son Robert who has special needs farms with my husband Gerard and myself, Dolores Boyd. We need constant access to the local road L5179 – 23 when we move our animals to the fields and for our daily work on the farm.

My son Robert attended St. Dymphna's Special School and has a National Educational Psychological report from the Department of Education from Cathriona Whelan Psychologist, NEPS, stating that it is important that he has a structured, happy and relaxed environment at all times. Robert farms every day and walks to the farm for as he calls this "His peace and quiet". Robert has a structured happy and relaxed environment. This will not be possible with constant noise of heavy machinery demolishing our fences and constant heavy traffic drawing spoiled soil from the site and crushed stone and cement and wind turbines for construction. This construction will have a detrimental effect on Robert's life and his ability and our ability to farm. Should this development get planning permission I will hold An Coimisiún Pleanála entirely responsible for the destruction to Roberts's life and our lives and our livelihood.

One of our fields is above the proposed sites of AT07 and AT08. The construction of these turbines will render our land adjoining these sites unusable because the turbine foundations and spoil repositories will change the natural drainage of the land, impeding the water flowing down the hill and out of our land. The plan also proposes to build a road to access turbine AT07 and AT08 crossing the stream which our animals need for drinking water twice, upstream and downstream of our land, thus leaving no clean water for our animals to access. The plan also states that the developer is going to "curtail" our hedgerow surrounding our land to give clearance for AT08. This is a natural fence growing on our land and we were not asked permission to remove it.

The area and our land is a natural habitat for snipe, meadow pipit, cuckoo, grey crows, pheasant and hen harrier. The snipe is a red listed bird that is plentiful on our land and throughout the area of the proposed windfarm. It would be a disgrace to demolish the natural habitat of a red listed bird where it is well established. All the turbines are right in the centre of this habitat. The demolishing of the hedgerows will render it impossible for wild life to survive. The destruction that will be caused to wildlife and plants and trees in this landscape will never be reversed.

I have serious problems with the constant noise and infrasound and shadow flicker this development will bring to our home, and our farm where we spend most of our time. It will be ongoing every day and will cause serious sensory problems especially for my son Robert. AT05 and AT06 are proposed to be extremely close to our yard, AT05 being only approximately 350m away. AT01 is to be approximately 250m away from another one of our fields and as I have mentioned already AT07 and AT08 are proposed to be just metres away

from our boundary fences in another field. It will be extremely unhealthy to be permanently surrounded by these turbines every day especially for Robert who has special needs.

No one, including our family, will be able to build a house in Lacken because this proposed development will make it impossible to get planning permission. This development will decimate our community as our young people will not be able to come home and build a house.

We have badger setts in this area which are under constant inspection from the Department of Agriculture due to a bovine TB outbreak in the area recently but in the planning application the Biodiversity report says that there are no badgers within 100 metres of the construction sites. On the L5179-23 that we drive every day to our farm we see badgers constantly at night. This study should have been taken at night as badgers will not be seen in daylight hours.

Lacken and the surrounding parishes of Ballycastle and Killala, Kilifan, Cooneal, Moygownagh, Crossmolina and Erris are situated in the North Mayo heartland which is a very scenic area popular with tourists and is on the Wild Atlantic Way. We have the oldest inhabited settlements in Ireland, the Céide Fields, and numerous monastic sites and Foghill where Saint Patrick baptised the first Christians. This construction will decimate our local tourism industry rendering it impossible for travel on our local roads with the constant flow of heavy construction traffic.

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 will say that this proposed development will have a detrimental effect on our family and our community. Tirawley windfarm representatives have not at any consulted with the local residents. The irreparable damage to the roads, extreme disruption to tourism and local residents' daily lives, destruction of biodiversity and local history that the proposed Tirawley windfarm will cause is grounds for refusal.

Yours Sincerely,

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