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An Coimisiún Pleanála

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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 am writing to formally oppose the proposed Tirawley Windfarm development consisting of 16 wind turbines, a permanent 110kV substation, underground grid connection, and ancillary infrastructure in the townlands of Ballymurphy, Ballynaleck, Barnhill, and surrounding areas in County Mayo. Whilst recognising the importance of renewable energy, this development poses significant and irreversible risks to the local environment, biodiversity and local residents. In particular the proposal threatens critical habitats for protected species such as the Hen Harrier, involves substantial habitat removal including over 4 km of hedgerow, and

raises serious concerns regarding visual impact, traffic disruption, and inadequate community consultation. These issues, coupled with shortcomings in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, justify a refusal of permission for this project.

1. **Negative Impact on Residential Amenity**
 - Concerns about noise pollution affecting nearby homes.
2. **Visual Impact and Landscape Character**
 - The wind turbines will significantly alter the local landscape and visual amenity.
3. **Shadow Flicker Effects on Homes**
 - Potential for shadow flicker impacting residential properties.
4. **Property Devaluation**
 - Concern that proximity to turbines will reduce local property values.
5. **Noise from Construction and Operational Phases**
 - Disturbance from construction noise and ongoing turbine operation noise.
6. **Increased Traffic and Road Damage During Construction**
 - Heavy machinery will damage local roads and increase traffic hazards.
7. **Insufficient Community Consultation and Information**
 - Public consultation was inadequate or poorly advertised, limiting community input.
8. **Fragmented and Scattered Turbine Layout**
 - The proposed turbine locations are too scattered, affecting multiple communities unevenly.
9. **Impact on Local Wildlife and Biodiversity**
 - Potential harm to protected species and habitats, including European Sites nearby.
10. **Inadequate Archaeological and Heritage Assessment**
 - Concerns over impacts on local archaeological sites and protected structures such as Palmerstown Bridge and Lacken Gazebo.
11. **Risk to Human Health and Wellbeing**
 - Potential adverse health effects due to noise, shadow flicker, and other disturbances.
12. **Lack of Clear Decommissioning Plan**
 - Uncertainty about what will happen post-operation, including removal of turbines and restoration of the site.

13. Insufficient Mitigation of Environmental Impacts

- Concerns that proposed mitigation measures are vague or not guaranteed.

14. Inadequate Consideration of Cumulative Effects

- The impact combined with other developments in the area is not fully assessed.

15. Impact on Tourism and Local Amenities

- The development may deter tourists and affect recreational areas, walking, and horse-riding routes.

16. Lack of Transparency on Grid Connection and Infrastructure

- Details of the grid connection and associated infrastructure are unclear, raising concerns about additional environmental impacts.

17. Concerns Regarding Fire Safety of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

- Potential fire risks associated with the battery storage units.

18. Potential Impact on Local Farming and Agriculture

- Disruption to family farms, potential loss of productive land, and risk from heavy machinery.

19. Increased Electromagnetic Interference

- Possible interference with telecommunications and other local infrastructure.

20. Lack of Meaningful Community Benefit or Dividend

- Insufficient opportunities for local investment or tangible benefits to the community.

Based on all the above I/we believe that it is incumbent on the board to refuse this application based on the concerns as outlined.

Yours sincerely

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References:

- 2006-Wind-Energy-Development-1.pdf (pp. 22, 25, 60, 97-98)
- draft-revised-wind-energy-development-guidelines-december-2019 (pp. 2, 33, 60, 144-156)
- ABP-315864-23 - 1st Meeting Record (pp. 4, 7, 9)
- ACP Direction Report (pp. 1, 5, 10)
- Pre Planning Inspectors Report (pp. 13, 18, 24)
- Appendix 1.6 - Public Consultation Responses (multiple pages)
- Appendix 2.1. CEMP – Emergency Response Plan (p.20)