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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. This development poses significant and irreversible risks to the local environment, biodiversity and local residents.

I recently visited the Céide Fields neolithic site where I was amazed at the area that the historical site expands to – much of which has still to be investigated. A wonderful window

into our ancestor's way of life. I am appalled and angry at the idea that an application is with you for a windfarm right across this area.

I grew up in the Lacken area and I still have relatives living there. I shudder to think of the effect the proposed turbines will have on their health and well being.

I always thought that An Bord Pleanála was entrusted to protect our people. Please do not turn our Island into a copy of the United States where wealth can dictate quality of our lives.

The only engagement with the community was one very short information afternoon held in 2023. Guidelines for this type of development confirm that developers should engage with communities. This lack of communication should serve as a warning to the board that there is stricter controls required to ensure the developer adheres to guidelines and regulations. If the developer is unwilling/unable to comply with this essential part of the process there is no basis to expect that further guidelines or legislation or conditions will be adhered to. It is incumbent upon the board to ensure that the developer has adhered to the guidelines however outdated they are (2006 Guidelines).

The board must ensure that Mayo County development plan is considered when making a decision on the application. The 16 turbines in this plan are set out over a significant distance and most of the turbines fall outside areas Mayo County Council consider suitable for a development such as this. Mayo County Council has further updated areas suitable for this type of development in the Draft Energy plan. National strategy cannot override not only communities' concerns but also that of our local county council.

Based on information available Mayo has already exceeded its wind energy targets. The national grid requires significant upgrading to enable it to use the energy that is currently being produced and therefore not capable of using electricity provided by a development like this.

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

Yours sincerely

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