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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,

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

I am a resident of the area within proximity to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm project, submitted by Constant Energy Limited, to formally lodge my objection to this Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

While I am fully cognisant of the need for Ireland to provide sustainable energy for our nation. My family is opposed to the construction and development of the Tirawley Wind Farm. I would like to emphasise that I have considered his development in as objective a way as possible.

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

The proposal

- threatens critical habitats for protected species including the Hen Harrier,
- substantial habitat removal including over 4 km of hedgerow,
- it will have serious visual impact
- It will severely impact on Ballycastle's position on the Wild Atlantic Way and affect Tourism and our growing market as a destination for Artist in the internationally renowned Ballinglen Museum of Art & Gallery.
- traffic disruption and pressure to maintain upgraded roading infrastructure in a fragile and historic location.

There has been inadequate community consultation. My husband co-owns our residence with his sister. They have not been approached or sent any information, as affected landowners, about this development. Please revert with a record of consultation, if any, in relation to this development to landowners in Doonfeeny Upper.

These issues, coupled with shortcomings in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, the inadequately addressed issues raised in the planning stage by Mayo County Council justify a refusal of permission for this project.

Having reviewed the public information provided and engaged with the community consultation materials, I wish to raise the following concerns:

1. Residential and Property Impact

The proposed wind turbines are located close to existing homes. Despite the stated 540m buffer, the visual impact, noise pollution, and potential shadow flicker effects will significantly disrupt our residential amenity and quality of life. There is also a genuine concern about the likely devaluation of property prices due to proximity to large-scale industrial turbines.

(Reference: Appendix 1.6 Community Engagement Report, Pages 7-13)

2. Site Suitability and Landscape Impact

The location has been described as scattered and not suitable for a development of this scale. The area includes sensitive landscapes, visible from the Wild Atlantic Way and other designated scenic routes, which would be adversely affected by this wind

farm. The visual intrusion on the unique coastal and rural landscape is unacceptable and contrary to the policies outlined in the Mayo County Development Plan regarding landscape protection and visual amenities.

(Reference: Mayo County Council submission, EIAR Chapter 17 - Traffic and Transport, Pages 9-10; Planning Statement, Pages 69-71)

3. Local Tourism & related economic affects

This development will adversely affect the local economy that has a growing and established international and local Tourist infrastructure. There has been substantial investment in a new Coastal Greenway that is due to be constructed soon. There are outstanding features in our landscape that will be substantially affected by the visual impact of this development – including and not limited to:

- Dun Briste – Downpatrick Head – a hugely significant Geological Site of National Importance. (NHA)
- Ref:
https://gsi.geodata.gov.ie/downloads/Geoheritage/Reports/MO050_Downpatrick_Head.pdf



Source: Hennessy et al. 2014 (revised 2019). Geological Survey Ireland.

- as well as a culturally historical site and is integral to the identity of Irish people still living here and Irish Diaspora. The amenity value of this site will be lost with the construction of the wind turbines. This has not been adequately addressed in the planning application.
- **Céide Fields** a neolithic site at in County Mayo, Ireland, containing the oldest known stone-walled fields in the world – dating back nearly 6,000 years. Spectacular views from here and the Céide Cliffs will be altered and lost.
- The following map easily shows the many sites of **The Wild Atlantic Way** route – that will be impacted by this proposal. The significant impact to a small population of local families has not been adequately outlined in the planning application. A small population is disproportionately affected by this proposal. There is other space in Ireland where there would be less impact – is the reason an economic one – who will provide the infrastructure maintenance of roading for this new development? This has not been addressed.



Source: <https://www.northmayo.ie/>

4. Environmental and Ecological Concerns

The site includes sensitive habitats such as blanket bogs and areas with ecological significance under the Habitats Directive. The large volumes of peat to be extracted and the disturbance to these habitats could have long-term detrimental effects on biodiversity and peatland restoration efforts.

(Reference: Appendix 1.6 Community Engagement Report, Pages 13-14; Planning Statement, Pages 69-71)

Please note also that this development is in direct opposition to the requirement of Ireland to adhere to the [Habitats Directive \(Directive 92/43/EEC\)](#) posing a risk that our Nation will continue to fail in its obligation as a member state. Please outline why this legislative framework has not been adequately considered in the planning of this project.

5. Traffic and Infrastructure Impact

The construction phase will bring significant disruption to the local road network due to the delivery of abnormal loads and turbine components. The existing roads will require widening and modifications that will impact local traffic flow and road safety. The scale of this impact has not been adequately mitigated in the proposal.

There has been no costings made to the ongoing , increased maintenance of this upgraded infrasture.

(Reference: EIAR Chapter 17 - Traffic and Transport, Pages 6-10; Appendix 1.6 Community Engagement Report, Pages 11-12)

6. Gaeltach, Community and Socio-Economic Issues

[Gaeltacht](#) – disproportionate impact on a small indigenous population of Ireland.

[Údarás na Gaeltachta](#) - there is no visible consultation with the population that live to the values and tenants of the local culture – please advise if there was any consultation in our indigenous language. *[Were there Irish language translations of planning documents and reports.](#)*

While I acknowledge the need for renewable energy and some regional economic benefits, the socio-economic impact on sustainable family farms and local amenities is concerning. The proposal does not sufficiently address the community's needs or

provide clear, direct benefits to our community and our visitors. The proposed community benefit package remains vague and unconvincing.

(Reference: Appendix 1.6 Community Engagement Report, Pages 7-14)

7. Cumulative Impact and Strategic Considerations

The project overlaps with areas where other developments are planned or existing, increasing cumulative environmental, visual, and infrastructural pressures. The scale and height of modern turbines, as noted by Mayo County Council, raise questions about the suitability of this site compared to previous assessments.

(Reference: Mayo County Council submission, EIAR Chapter 17, Pages 9-10)

8. Impact on Hen Harrier Habitat

I am also concerned about the cumulative effects of habitat loss, construction disturbance and operational displacement. Research has shown that hen harriers may avoid otherwise suitable habitat in the vicinity of operational turbines, resulting in a reduction in available foraging area. The application does not appear to adequately assess or mitigate this displacement effect.

With the following in mind,

- conservation status of the species
- the acknowledged presence of suitable habitat and,
- recorded winter roosting activity within the study area,

We are not satisfied that sufficient scientific data has been provided, what is provided does not demonstrate adequate protection and mitigation in respect to this important habitat.

Are there robust studies, that establish the applicants view that that impact on Hen Harrier Habitat is not significant? The proposed development will not adversely affect the hen harrier population. A precautionary principle should therefore apply.

In conclusion, I submit that the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm project is not appropriate for this location due to the significant negative impacts on our Gaeltacht and traditional way of life, residential amenity, local landscape, ecology, infrastructure, and the negative impacts to our growing Tourist economy, I urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this because of the significant risk it poses to our community and to our standing in the wider European Union. It poses a threat to outstanding areas of Heritage and potential UNESCO sites.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to clarify any of my submission.

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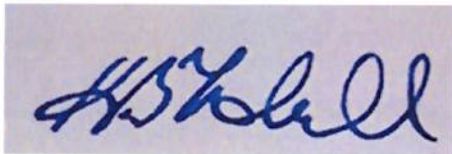
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I respectfully ask that our family is consulted thoroughly on this project and highlight that as landowners directly affected there was no communication in the planning to us.

Kind regards/go raibh maith agaibh

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