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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, Castlackleen Demesne, and other townlands in County Mayo.

Case Number: PAX16.324258

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my **formal objection** to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development. I am an **elderly resident who has lived in this area all my life**, and my home lies within the zone that will be directly affected by this large-scale industrial project. I respectfully request that the following concerns be fully considered.

1. Lack of Proper Notification and Late Awareness of the Development

I wish to place on record that **I was not made aware of this development until very late in the application process**. As an elderly person, I rely on clear, accessible communication to understand proposals that may affect my home and wellbeing.

The lack of timely notification has:

- limited my ability to engage with the process
- caused significant stress and worry
- prevented me from participating in earlier consultation stages

This raises serious concerns about the adequacy and fairness of the community consultation process, particularly for older and more vulnerable residents.

2. Impact on Residential Amenity and Quality of Life

The proposed turbines — each up to **135 metres in height** — will have a profound impact on my daily life. As someone who spends most of my time at home, I am particularly vulnerable to:

- **constant visual intrusion**
- **shadow flicker**
- **noise and low-frequency infrasound**

These impacts are especially difficult for elderly residents who may already experience sleep difficulties, anxiety, or health conditions that can be worsened by persistent noise and visual disturbance.

3. Noise and Health Concerns

Turbine noise, especially at night, poses a serious risk to my **sleep, wellbeing, and mental health**. Older people are more susceptible to:

- sleep disruption
- stress from continuous noise
- increased anxiety from industrial activity near the home

The Environmental Impact Assessment does not adequately address the **specific vulnerabilities of elderly residents**.

4. Visual Impact on a Sensitive Rural Landscape

This area is valued for its **peace, natural beauty, and cultural heritage**. The proposed turbines will dominate the landscape for miles around. At my age, I will not live to see the landscape restored after decommissioning. The loss is permanent for me.

5. Traffic and Construction Impacts

Construction will involve heavy goods vehicles, abnormal loads, road widening, and months of noise and disruption. As an elderly person, I rely on safe, quiet local roads for essential travel and medical appointments. Increased traffic poses a **real safety risk**, particularly on narrow rural roads.

6. Adoption of the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group Submission

I also wish to **adopt and support the detailed submission made by the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group** in relation to this development (PAX16.324258). Their submission provides a comprehensive and evidence-based assessment of the wider impacts of the proposal.

I fully endorse their concerns regarding:

- **cumulative wind farm development across North Mayo**
- **impacts on the Céide Fields cultural landscape**, a heritage site of national and international importance
- **effects on tourism and recreation**, which are vital to the local economy
- **biodiversity and habitat impacts**, including risks to protected species
- **inadequacies in community consultation**, which I have personally experienced
- **the assessment of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**, including safety, fire risk, and emergency response issues

While I do not repeat their detailed arguments in full, I request that they be treated as forming an **integral part of this submission**.

7. Cumulative Impact

North Mayo has already seen significant energy infrastructure development. The cumulative effect of additional turbines has **not been adequately assessed**, particularly in relation to vulnerable residents and sensitive landscapes.

Conclusion

I am not opposed to renewable energy, but this proposal is **too large, too close to homes, and too damaging to the wellbeing of elderly residents** like myself. The lack of proper notification has further undermined my ability to participate in the process.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála **refuse permission** for this development.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Kelly