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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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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,

I wish to make a formal objection on behalf of **Mc's Grill Food Truck** to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development.

Mc's Grill Food Truck is a Mayo-based food business that serves customers throughout North Mayo and along the Wild Atlantic Way. Our business relies heavily on visitors, tourists, local events, community gatherings, outdoor activities and the continued attractiveness of the region as a destination for both domestic and international visitors.

My objection is based primarily on the significant negative impact that this development may have on tourism, local businesses, landscape character, road infrastructure and the wider local economy that supports small enterprises such as ours.

Impact on Tourism and Visitor Numbers

The North Mayo coastline is one of the county's greatest tourism assets. Visitors travel to the area to experience the unspoilt landscape, the Wild Atlantic Way, Céide Fields, Downpatrick Head, beautiful coastal scenery and the unique character of rural Mayo.

The proposed wind farm would introduce large-scale industrial infrastructure into a landscape that is currently recognised for its natural beauty, heritage value and tourism appeal. The proposed turbines, associated roads, substation, battery storage facilities and related infrastructure would fundamentally alter the visual character of the area.

As a mobile food business, a substantial portion of our trade depends directly on visitors travelling through North Mayo. Any reduction in visitor numbers, shorter visitor stays, or decline in the overall attractiveness of the area could have a direct negative impact on our business. Small rural businesses operate on tight margins and are highly dependent on a strong tourism sector.

I am concerned that the Environmental Impact Assessment Report does not adequately consider the longer-term economic consequences that may arise from damage to the area's tourism brand and visitor experience.

Construction Impacts and Traffic Disruption

The construction phase of the development is expected to involve significant volumes of heavy goods vehicles, abnormal load deliveries, road widening works, junction alterations and extensive construction traffic over an extended period.

As a food business operating throughout the region, reliable road access is essential to our daily operations. Traffic delays, road closures, temporary restrictions and disruptions associated with construction activity could affect our ability to travel to trading locations, events and customers.

I am also concerned that the roads used by tourists visiting the area may become less attractive and more difficult to navigate during construction, potentially discouraging visitors from travelling through North Mayo at peak tourism periods.

The roads around Lacken, Ballycastle and the wider North Mayo area are not simply transport routes; they form part of the tourism experience. Significant engineering works and road alterations required to facilitate turbine transportation may permanently alter the rural character that visitors value.

Impact on Landscape and Heritage

The landscape of North Mayo is one of its defining characteristics and forms the foundation of much of the region's tourism economy.

The proposed turbines, standing approximately 135 metres in height, would become prominent features across significant areas of the landscape. Their scale and visibility would have a lasting impact on views enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The wider landscape surrounding Céide Fields, Downpatrick Head and the Wild Atlantic Way is internationally recognised for its scenic and heritage value. Introducing industrial-scale infrastructure into this setting risks undermining years of investment by local communities, tourism organisations and businesses in promoting the area as a world-class destination.

Impact on Local Businesses and Employment

Businesses across North Mayo are highly interconnected. Tourism spending supports accommodation providers, cafés, restaurants, food trucks, retail businesses, activity providers and many other local enterprises.

Any reduction in visitor numbers would have consequences extending far beyond individual businesses. The wider local economy could be affected through reduced customer spending, lower business activity and reduced employment opportunities.

As a local business owner, I believe insufficient weight has been given to the potential adverse impacts on existing businesses that contribute to the local economy and provide employment in rural Mayo.

Community Concerns

I am also concerned about the division and uncertainty that this proposal has created within local communities. For many years, communities throughout North Mayo have worked to build sustainable tourism opportunities and develop the area's reputation as a unique destination.

The proposed development threatens to undermine those efforts by introducing a significant industrial development into an area whose future economic success is heavily dependent on tourism, heritage and landscape quality.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I respectfully submit that the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm would have significant adverse consequences for tourism, local businesses and the wider economy of North Mayo.

The development risks damaging the visitor experience, disrupting local businesses during construction, altering the character of an internationally recognised landscape and undermining the long-term tourism potential of the region.

As the proprietor of Mc's Grill Food Truck, I am concerned that the proposal places at risk the very qualities that attract visitors to the area and support the livelihoods of many local businesses.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development.

Yours faithfully,

Conor McNulty

Proprietor

Mc's Grill Food Truck