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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. 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.

I want to make observation's specifically relating to the following areas

- I am concerned about the huge impact on tourism and local amenities. I live in Ballina, but I originally come from the Lacken area. I regularly take visitors to the Ceide fields, Down Patrick Head, Lacken Strand, and all of the beautiful tourist and sights this fabulous area of Lacken has to offer

Putting up large Turbines in this area will greatly influence this and affect the visual impact and landscape character, and I really object to it

-Secondly and more importantly, I am concerned about the health and well being of my family. I spend a lot of time caring for my sister who has special needs and lives directly across from a purposed sight of one of the turbines in the Carrowmore area. She finds it difficult to sleep and the shadow flicker will directly affect her. I am deeply concerned about her health and welfare, and that of the rest of my family who reside there normally. We do not know the long term effects of these turbines as it has not been completely assessed

I ask the Board to refuse this application for these and many many more reasons that will affect a whole community and a most beautiful part of North Mayo

Your Sincerely
Paula Duggan