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Re Case Number; 324258

The proposed development consists of up to 16 no. wind turbines (Tirawley Wind Farm), including a 110kV sub-station on site, an energy storage system in the form of a battery array located within container units and all associated infrastructure.

Dear Sirs

We are writing to raise our concerns re the above planning application you have received.

We have recently returned home from the UK as we wanted to bring our children up in Ballycastle and both are employed locally.

We have recently been through the planning process (on family owned land) and it seems extremely contradictory that we have been restricted due to the environmental sensitive area we live in yet an application as industrial on scale such as this could be seen as suitable for planning.

We are lucky to live in an area of natural beauty which brings a huge amount of tourism and business to the local area of Ballycastle and Lacken. An area that has a huge amount of challenges to overcome financially in order to survive and tourism is one of primary sources of income for the area.

The Ceide Fields in Ballycastle, whose origins are from Neolithic times stretches along the coast from Ceide to Lacken and would be destroyed if a development like this was allowed to occur.

DownPatrick Head in Ballycastle has thousands of visitors each year and the prospect of wind turbines being in the immediate vista is one that should not be allowed. This is an area of natural beauty that has not been disturbed.

In Ballycastle, Ballinglen Museum of Art, which employs several people locally, attracts artists from all over the world who participate in workshops and have a high number of repeat clients who return on an annual basis. This provides a huge amount of income to local businesses such as pubs, cafes, shops and local accommodation providers.

We are lucky to have world renowned landmarks such as the Ceide Fields and Downpatrick Head on our doorstep which attracts artists and tourists from all over the world to our area. One would think a development like this that is so visually prominent and so aesthetically unappealing would have an extremely negative impact going forward.

Recently Failte Ireland launched a 5 year tourism development plan for North Mayo in the Ballinglen Museum of Art which was attended by Ministers Alan Dillon and Dara Calleary.

Minister Dillon stated **“Tourism is a cornerstone of Ireland’s economy and is particularly important in sustaining rural and coastal communities. The Wild Mayo Destination Experience Development Plan is an example of how national tourism policy is being delivered at local level ensuring visitors to the area can enjoy a range of things to see and do. This plan, which has been developed with and will be implemented by local stakeholders, will deliver significant benefits of the local communities of North Mayo. I am proud to officially launch it on ‘Mayo Day’ and look forward to seeing its benefits delivered over the course of the next five years.”**

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As outlined in the Wild Mayo-Destination and Experience Development Plan **“The Wild Mayo Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP) is a five year plan that sets out a strategic framework to position North Mayo as a world class destination for wilderness, culture, and immersive outdoor experiences. The plan highlights the region’s dramatic coastlines, rugged boglands, vibrant communities, and deep-rooted heritage - anchored by the Irish language as a core cultural asset. Wild Mayo DEDP seeks to inspire creativity and exploration through authentic storytelling, well developed trails, and meaningful engagement with landscape and tradition.”**

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It seems contradictory that a plan promoting wilderness and immersive outdoor experiences promoting our dramatic coastlines and rugged boglands, which we note is supported by Minister Dillon could succeed if a development of this scale which impacts the area negatively on a number of fronts was allowed to be built in an area wholly unsuitable.

In short this development is completely unsuitable for this area

Kind Regards

Patrick & Kate Tighe