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The Secretary

An Coimisiún Pleanála

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RE: Objection to the Proposed Tirawley Wind Farm Strategic Infrastructure Development

Case Number: PAX16.324258

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development.

I was born and raised in this area and I care about the place where I live. I do not agree with a development of this size in this area, and I am worried about the impact it will have on local people, the countryside, and the future of the community.

I have read the submission made by the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group and I support many of the concerns they have raised. I ask that their submission is considered alongside my own.

Family Health Concerns

One issue that is particularly important to my family is the potential impact of shadow flicker.

A direct family member suffers from epilepsy, and flickering light is a known trigger for seizures. Because of this, the idea of large turbines operating close to our home is something

that genuinely worries us. I do not feel there is enough certainty that people living nearby, especially those with medical conditions, will be protected.

A direct family member also lives with a disability and spends a lot of time at home and in the local area. The peace and quiet of where we live is important to their wellbeing, and I worry that this development would have a negative impact on that.

Roads and Construction Traffic

Another concern I have is the effect this project will have on local roads.

The roads around Lacken and Ballycastle are small country roads. In many places they are narrow and not built for the amount of heavy traffic that would come with a project like this.

There will be large lorries, machinery, and turbine parts travelling these roads for a long period of time. Local people use these roads every day for work, farming, school, walking, cycling, and getting around. I think this would make the roads less safe and cause serious disruption.

I am also concerned about damage to the roads, verges, and drainage systems. These are rural roads and I do not think they are suitable for this level of construction traffic.

The Land and the Area

What concerns me most is the effect this development will have on the area itself.

We are lucky to live in a part of Mayo that is known for its natural beauty. The beaches, cliffs, sea stacks, farmland, and open countryside are what make this place special. It is also part of the Wild Atlantic Way and attracts visitors from all over.

This landscape is part of who we are as a community. I do not believe large industrial turbines belong in a place like this. Once they are built, the area will never be the same again.

I enjoy being outdoors, playing football with my local team and spending time in the area, and I worry that future generations will not get to experience it in the same way.

I wish to adopt and support the detailed submission made by the Lacken Ballycastle Community Landscape Protection Group in relation to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm development (PAX16.324258). In particular, I endorse the concerns raised regarding cumulative wind farm development across North Mayo, impacts on the Céide Fields cultural landscape, effects on tourism and recreation, biodiversity impacts, inadequacies in community consultation, and the assessment of the Battery Energy Storage System. While I do not repeat those detailed arguments in full, I request that they be considered as forming part of this submission."I worry that future generations will not get to experience it in the same way.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed Tirawley Wind Farm.

I believe it would have a negative impact on local residents, on vulnerable members of the community, on our roads, and on the landscape that makes this area unique.

Therefore I ask An Coimisiún Pleanála not to grant permission for this development.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Kind regards,

Ronan Murphy