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Dear An Coimisiún Pleanála,

**Re: Strategic Infrastructure Development Application – Case Reference
GA19.324280**

I wish to formally object to the proposed gas pipeline development in the Ticroghan area, in proximity to my home and surrounding residential properties.

My objection is based on serious concerns relating to road safety, residential amenity, environmental impact, and the suitability of the proposed route through this rural residential and heritage-sensitive area.

The local road network surrounding Ticroghan is narrow, rural in character, and already heavily used by residents, pedestrians, agricultural machinery, HGVs, and local traffic. Many sections of road are insufficiently wide to safely accommodate two large vehicles passing simultaneously, particularly tractors, trailers, and heavy goods vehicles. The introduction of substantial construction traffic associated with the proposed development would significantly worsen existing traffic and safety issues.

Of particular concern is the absence of any footpath or pedestrian infrastructure in the area. Residents currently walk along the edge of the carriageway due to the lack of footpaths, creating an existing safety risk which has not been adequately addressed. Increased HGV movements, construction traffic, temporary traffic management measures, and potential diversions would materially increase the danger to pedestrians, cyclists, local residents, and road users.

I do not believe the applicant has adequately demonstrated that the existing local road network is capable of safely accommodating the scale of construction traffic associated with the proposed development.

I am also concerned that any proposed diversions around the Ticroghan area would be extremely difficult to implement safely due to the narrow nature of the local roads. Existing road conditions already make passing difficult for larger vehicles, and construction-related traffic would place additional pressure on infrastructure that is unsuitable for sustained heavy vehicle use.

The proposed development would also negatively impact the quiet rural residential character of the area through noise, vibration, dust, visual disturbance, and prolonged

construction activity in close proximity to homes. I do not believe the long-term impact on residential amenity has been adequately considered.

In addition, the proposed route passes through an area of archaeological and historical sensitivity in proximity to Ticroghan Castle and associated monuments. I believe the cumulative impact of major infrastructure works within this landscape has not been sufficiently justified or assessed.

I am further concerned regarding potential impacts on local hedgerows, biodiversity, drainage infrastructure, roadside verges, and the wider rural environment during both construction and reinstatement phases.

Given the significant safety concerns, unsuitability of the local road network, impact on residential amenity, and environmental sensitivity of the area, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed development or require the applicant to consider an alternative route away from residential properties and sensitive local infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

Oisín Sheils Ryan