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The Secretary
 An Coimisiún Pleanála
 64 Marlborough Street
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Re; PAX12.324290

Applicant: FuturEnergy

Description of Development: Dough Mountain, Lissinagroagh Wind Farm comprising 14 number wind turbines and associated infrastructure at a site located in Boleyboy, Cashelaveela, Cherrybrook, Coolodonnell, Faughary, Killea, Lissinagroagh, Lisdarush, Lugasnaghta, Raheelin, Shasmore, Tawnyfeacle and Tullyskeherny, Co. Leitrim.

My observations on the proposed development by FuturEnergy.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed wind farm to be constructed in North Leitrim, by FuturEnergy which consist of 14 wind Turbines with a height of between 180 and 185 meters. To me this is totally off the scale and such a development would alter the landscape of the area for ever.

This area is described in the County Leitrim Development Plan 2023-2029 “as an area of high visual amenity, and open skyline and a place of tranquillity”. With its rolling hills and its scenic panoramic views of several neighbouring counties This natural amenity is recognised as a cycling route and is well signposted to accommodate cyclists. To install an industrial wind farm in this area would diminish the unique features of this beautiful landscape and alter it forever.

As these 14 wind turbines will dominate the skyline my concern is about flicker and noise emanating from the turbines. A moving object catches the eye and the flicker effect will be an unwanted distraction and take away from peoples enjoyment of their outdoor space, with this constant irritation.

When the turbines are in operation the continuant swishing and whooshing (Amplitude Modulation) from the blades and also the low humming sound from the

gears and the motor (mechanical noise) would lead to continuous annoyance and degrade the quality of life for local residents.

Dough mountain and the surrounding area has for centuries been devoid of human intervention which means its a haven for both flora and fauna. Among the species found in the area are, the Irish Hare (*Lepus timidus hibernicus*) the Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*) and the Red Grouse (*Lagopus scotica hibernica*) and sighting of the Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) which has established foraging territory in the area. This bird of prey has suffered habitat loss over the years from intensive farming and blanket forestry in upland regions of the country. The planning document from FuturEnergy indicates that there would be significant impacts on breeding ground for this bird, a bird which is protected across Europe and is included in Annex 1 of the EU birds directive, and also protected in Ireland under the Wildlife Act. This indicates to me that this ecological sensitive area may not avoid severe impacts from a wind turbine development. It would be a shame if more of Hen Harriers territory was further eroded by this development.

There are two important water bodies within the catchment area of Dough Mountain, Lough Melvin, which is an important fishing lake and has a stock of rare trout called Gillaroo. This lake is renowned for its stock of fish and hosts many fishing competitions throughout the year and any pollutants from excavation work on Dough Mountain would have an adverse effect on the fish population in the lake.

The second lake is Lough Gill, this is the source for drinking water for Manorhamilton, Kiltyclogher and Rossinver areas, and all the rural dwellers who are connected to the water mains in the catchment area. Pollution of this lake would have serious consequences for the population.

During the construction stage of this development there will be unprecedented amounts of vehicular traffic and machinery in the area of Dough Mountain. Trucks carrying heavy and abnormal loads will be a constant feature during the construction phase of this development. In fact some of the local roads will have to be widened to accommodate these vehicles. Noise and disruption to every day life will impact on the local community for extended periods of time.

How suitable is Dough Mountain for a wind farm? that is a question that must be asked. The planning application from FuturEnergy identifies a number of factors which would require extensive mitigation measures and compensation measures in the following areas:

- Sensitive habitats
- landscape Sensitivity
- Karst Features
- Hydrological Connectivity
- Groundwater Vulnerability

Therefore in my opinion the factors listed above are indications that the site is environmentally sensitive, and therefore unsuitable for a large scale industrial wind farm.

This area has extensive areas of blanket bog and which is mainly confined to the North West of Europe, and due to human intervention and erosion are becoming assailable due to human intervention.

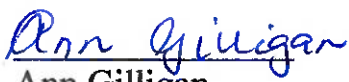
There were two recent examples where human intervention caused landslides in Leitrim and Donegal. In June 2020 on Shass Mountain near Drumkeerin County Leitrim large amounts of peat were washed down the slopes on to nearby farms and the evacuation of homes in the area.

In Donegal, also in 2020 a massive landslide at Meenbog wind farm saw thousand tonnes of peat washed down the hillside and into adjoining river, the Mourne Beg in County Tyrone which is an important river for salmon (a protected species). News reports described these events as environmental disasters.

I would like to question the communications between FuturEnergy and the people who will be directly effected by this proposed wind farm. An initial brochure was distributed in 2021, and this year (March 2026) a more comprehensive brochure was distributed. For two days at the end of March/April they had what they call a community engagement clinics. To access this clinic one had to call a mobile phone number and make an appointment to visit the clinic. This clinic was held in a community centre which has no access to public transport, and is 11km from the nearest centre of population, Manorhamilton, there was no public meeting with the community to discuss this wind farm development.

To conclude I would ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse this planning application for a wind farm on Dough Mountain for the reasons I outlined above, visual impact and noise, community impact, landscape degradation, loss of biodiversity and habitat.

Yours Faithfully


Ann Gilligan

8/7/2026