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We are residents of the local area and want to make an observation on the proposed Dough mountain (Lissinagroagh) wind farm development. We live in a townland called Druminargid which is close to the proposed development and after reviewing the application documents, we have many concerns regarding the proposal which we will detail in the following text:

1. Visually this development would impact our home lives. We look directly onto the mountain, therefore 185 metre turbines would not only devalue the property itself but also visually change our scenic view of the mountain. It would ruin the tranquil landscape that we moved back home for in the first place to raise our children. We value this peaceful environment that we live in, these turbines would disturb not only our lives but the wild life surrounding us. We have sighted on numerous occasions the rare and protected Hen Harrier bird in the skyline of our views. We worry not only about the impact these huge unsightly turbines will have on such a protected species but also on all the other wildlife in the area such as bats. We have many large trees surrounding our property which home a colony of bats. In our opinion there is no way they can be protected from these turbines, it will have a massive affect on these protected species.
2. Another concern to us will be to our water. The massive construction that could take place would potentially affect our private water supply. We have a bored water well which can be affected by any large scale ground development in the surrounding area. The planning documents identify, amongst other things, ground water vulnerability. Currently the water from the well is clear and free of debris, it is of excellent quality and is of high value to us. This type of disturbance to the ground could affect all of this. When we did some construction work on the property a few years back, as per planning permission criteria for Leitrim County Council we had to get an environmental impact survey completed. We had to pay a large sum of money for an expert to survey the area and the property to make sure it wouldn't disturb the local wildlife and surrounding environment. Particular attention was drawn to the fact that lough Melvin was close by and all water ways, including the stream nearby, eventually led to this lake. If there was such worry over the lake and environmental impact of our small family home extension then I don't understand the logic in allowing a development of this huge scale to go ahead. It would obviously affect this precious natural sanctuary that provides not only a vital habitat for wildlife but also

recreational activities for children every summer as the water safety lessons take place there.

3. We live in an area of bog, because of this the land is unsuitable for this huge development. Landslides have been known to happen in the region and therefore it is not only hazardous but it is a danger to all those living in close proximity.
4. We are concerned about the effect of turbine noise, shadow flicker and aviation lighting. As an experienced healthcare professional, I know the effect this type of disturbance can have on people living with conditions such as epilepsy or ADHD. This makes life extremely challenging for this cohort of patients. The proposed development is close to a number of houses and so this could pose a problem to the residents in them.
5. As working professionals we use the L6121 road on a daily basis. It is a small narrow country road which is not designed for the heavy construction traffic and large vehicles which would occupy the road if this development were to go ahead. We are concerned about road safety not only for us but because immediate family use school buses and the local link daily.

To conclude, we do not claim to be experts in statistics nor are we environmentalists, we are a couple who have moved back to where we ourselves grew up, to raise our young family in a place which we know and love. So much of this beautiful area has already been destroyed over the years with huge forestry plantations and existing turbines. We not only believe this development to be unsuitable for the location proposed but also to be morally wrong.