

To: An Coimisiun Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street

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Re: Proposed Lissinagroagh (Dough Mountain) Wind Farm Development

Case Reference: PAX 12.324290

Applicant: FutureEnergy Ireland

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I wish to object to the proposed Lissinagroagh/Dough Mountain Windfarm

I am not opposed to wind farms if the site is right.

However in this case everything speaks against it.

The proposed wind farm consists of 14 turbines of a height of 185 metres, a 100 metre meteorological mast, three borrow pits, drainage, watercourse crossings, construction compounds, grid connection infrastructure and turbine delivery work. This means that new internal access tracks have to be created (about 7.95 km) and upgraded tracks (about 8.35 km). This means more destruction of the natural landscape and for some people huge detours.

The immense height of the 14 wind turbines could be seen from far away and the noise level and shadow flicker will impact the quality of life of people living nearby. A lot of house would be quite near to the turbines and already the 3 existing wind turbines create noise disturbances and shadow flicker.

The local tourist industry would be severely impacted. Dough and Thur mountain are also listed as Natural Heritage Area.

Very worrying is the impact on the blanket bog. Drainage of the peat would mean that the value of the bog absorbing CO2 is undermined, so climate gas emissions and the risk of landslides will increase. Bogs should be on the priority list to protect against climate change.

The sphagnum moss functions as a natural water sponge for the entire region. Construction of access roads, borrowing pits and deep turbine foundations will dry out the sphagnum moss and will destroy the water holding capacity, will lower the local water table and will release tons of carbon into the atmosphere.

Previous Am Bord Pleanála assessment recognizes the concern relating to blanket bogs, water pollution and slope instability.

A karst landscape like Dough Mountain means dense underground fractures and prominent features like Polldough Cave/Swallow Hole and many more undocumented dolines. Water

unmapped territory and the underground network will end up at Lough Gill special area of Conservation (SAC) through connection to the river Bonet. Lough Gill and the river Bonet have the White Clawed crayfish, which needs pristine water and many other rare and protected lampreys.

Also Lough Gill is the primary water source for Sligo and North Leitrim. Silt laden runoffs and contamination of the amount of concrete needed for these huge turbines will affect the water quality. The same applies to Lough Melvin serving drinking water supply to Leitrim and Donegal.

It also travels to Lough Melvin which is home to endemic salmonid species, atlantic salmon (90% reduction since 1970), Melvin Arctic Charr, only native to Lough Melvin, Gillaroo trout and Ferox trout and the protected European otter.

Lough McNean will also be impacted and also the Glenfarne river.

Any release of fine sediments, forestry nutrition and chemical hydrocarbons will pollute all these rivers and lakes and will impact the rare species in lakes and rivers.

Domestic wells will be impacted by alkaline chemicals during construction and will affect public health.

All this means there are severe flaws in the Environmental Impact Assessment report(EIAR) and Natural Impact Statements.

But not only rare water creatures are impacted, but also animals living on Dough Mountain such as: breeding hen harriers will lose their habitats and the protected marsh fritillary butterfly, several species of protected bats, skylarks, which population is also declining and the protected Irish frog as well as other animals.

All these issues are interconnected and show that Dough Mountain is an environmentally sensitive location.

The application to erect this huge wind farm on Dough Mountain means an unacceptable risk to the environment, biodiversity, bog and water.

This wind farm is not suitable in my opinion on Dough Mountain as it is a high risk to all these distinctive features.

I therefore respectfully request that An Board Pleanala refuses permission for this proposed development.

Kind regards,

Dorothee Kolle,



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