

Lisnagroagh
Manorhamilton
Co. Leitrim
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An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Ref Application Details;
FuturEnergy Ireland,
Development; Proposed Dough Mountain (Lissinagroagh Wind Farm)
Case Reference PAX12.324290
Location: Boleyboy, Cashelaveela, Cherrybrook, Killea, Coolodonnell, Faughary, Lissinagroagh,
Lisdarush, Lugasnaghta, Raheelin, Shasmore, Tawnyfeacle and Tullyskeherny, Co. Leitrim

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to make an observation/objection on the above proposed development.

We are the second generation of our family, farming at Lisnagroagh near Manorhamilton in Co. Leitrim. Our son and his family continue to farm this land that we hold dear. Our farming activity and rearing our families, all three generations, have been done with Dough Mountain as the backdrop to our daily lives and work. This mountain has provided us with water for human and animal consumption for over 80 years.

We are shocked and saddened to hear about the proposed Lissinagroagh Wind Farm Development, which would seriously impact our lives and our livelihood. Having traversed the mountain over decades, we are well aware of several landslides on this upland peat landscape.

We have seen the devastation caused by local landslides, such as the Shass Mountain peat slide in Drumkeerin in 2020. Locals are still recovering from that, their land being covered by peat. The geology of Dough Mountain, peat on karst, is highly prone to slippage without any activity, just rainfall, which is ever increasing with climate change.

To even consider large-scale construction on the scale of the proposed Lissinagroagh Wind Farm is outrageous. Our main concern is the almost guaranteed peat slides and how they are likely to contaminate our water well and the streams supplying our animals. This is a human health and animal welfare consideration.

We understand the need for renewable energy but not in this location. This is an area of high nature value. As members of the ACRES scheme, we have farmed in such a way as to protect and encourage the Hen Harrier to breed and thrive in our area. While out about our farm business on the quad or tractor, we are regularly accompanied by a Hen Harrier, especially during grass-cutting season, when they are feasting on an unsuspecting frog or rodent. Surely this magnificent red-listed species deserves to have its habitat protected, as stated under Annex I of the EU Birds Directive.

Dough Mountain is known for its 'swallow holes' and caves. This makes the terrain most unsuitable for a development comprising 14 x 185 m turbines and ancillary works with deep excavation, road widening, borrow pits, and road blockages, with delivery and ongoing work for 2 years. If we have an animal in need, access by vets or to remove it to a treatment area is of huge importance. We notice that FuturEnergy omitted to include a temporary road on their brochure at their 'public' meeting. This, however, does appear in the EIAR close to T14. This is very misleading and traffic to and on such a road would impinge on our farm access.

Engagement by FuturEnergy has been pretty dismal. Having met them on the farm on two occasions, they were unable to answer any question that we had. They said they would revert, but that's the last we heard from them. This certainly does not instill any trust in their likely management of this project should it go ahead.

Leitrim County Development Plan identifies Dough Mountain as an area of outstanding natural beauty. How on earth could this be transformed into an industrial zone? As everyone knows, our grid is unable to take a lot of the energy being fed into it; turbines are switched off regularly and energy is dumped/curtailed. Is this what we sacrifice our mountain for, a ponzi scheme? In time, we will be fined from Europe under the Nature Restoration Law for allowing our precious bog, a natural carbon sink, to be replaced by hundreds of tons of concrete and metal to stand idle.

We urge you to deny planning permission for this unsustainable development, which would be so injurious to humans and wildlife in the area.

Yours faithfully,

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