

I am a resident of the area and wish to make a formal observation on the proposed Dough Mountain (Lissinagroagh) Wind Farm development. Having reviewed the application documents, I wish to set out my concerns regarding the proposal, particularly in relation to residential amenity, landscape character, peat stability, drainage, water quality and long-term environmental impact.

I am concerned about the potential effects of turbine noise, shadow flicker and aviation lighting on nearby residents, including the enjoyment of homes, gardens and outdoor spaces. My husband and I have a young family, and the scale and proximity of the proposed turbines raise very significant concerns for our quality of life. In particular, the potential for ongoing noise disturbance, visual intrusion, shadow flicker and night-time lighting would, in my view, have a serious impact on the peaceful enjoyment of our home and surrounding area. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful landscape, and our family regularly walks in the nearby forests in the evenings and at weekends. The proposed development has the potential to significantly alter that experience and reduce the amenity value of the area for local families.

I am also concerned about the scale of excavation, drainage works and peat disturbance proposed across an area of blanket bog and peatland. The application includes a Peat Stability Risk Assessment and identifies the need for ongoing management and mitigation measures. In my view, this demonstrates the sensitivity of the site and raises legitimate concerns regarding peat stability, hydrology, water quality and the long-term environmental consequences of carrying out major infrastructure works in such an area.

These concerns are particularly relevant given the known vulnerability of blanket bog landscapes in this region. A blanket bog landslide occurred on Shass Mountain, north-east of Drumkeeran, Co. Leitrim, on 28 June 2020, approximately 1.2 km upstream of the Dawn of Hope Bridge. This example highlights the potential seriousness of peat instability and the need for extreme caution where development is proposed on or near sensitive peatland environments.

My husband and I are also concerned that turbines of up to 185 metres in height would fundamentally alter the character of Dough Mountain and the surrounding uplands. Introducing structures of this scale into this landscape would, in my view, have a major and lasting visual impact and would risk industrialising an area that is currently one of the defining features of the locality. The surrounding landscape, forests and uplands form an important part of the area's rural character and are valued by residents for recreation, scenic amenity and everyday quality of life. I do not believe that the scale,

height and visual prominence of the proposed turbines are compatible with the existing character of this sensitive landscape.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the planning authority give careful and full consideration to the potential impacts of the proposed development on local residents, residential amenity, landscape character, peat stability, water quality and the wider environment. I believe that these matters are significant and require robust assessment before any decision is made. In light of the concerns raised, I respectfully ask that permission for the proposed development be refused, or, at a minimum, that further detailed assessment and stringent mitigation measures be required to fully address the risks to the local community and environment.

Kind regards

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