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Observation on Case Reference PAX12.324290

We are residents of the area close to the proposed Dough Mountain (Lissinagroagh) Wind Farm development and wish to make an observation in regard to it.

Having reviewed the application documents, we have concerns regarding the proposal for the following reasons.

We are concerned that turbines of up to 185 metres in height would fundamentally alter the character of Dough Mountain and the surrounding uplands. The area is recognised within the Leitrim County Development Plan as an Area of High Visual Amenity and is valued for its open skyline, scenic quality, sense of place and tranquillity. In our view, introducing structures of this scale would industrialise a landscape that is currently one of the defining features of the local area.

We are also concerned that the applicant's own surveys identify important bird and wildlife activity within and around the site, including hen harrier activity over a number of years. The planning documents acknowledge significant impacts on breeding hen harrier and propose extensive habitat compensation measures. The need for compensation on this scale demonstrates the ecological sensitivity of the area and raises concerns about whether impacts can genuinely be avoided.

Annually, we witness the arrival of the threatened [marsh fritillary butterflies](#) and cuckoos on our land. Mountain hares, pine martins and bats are amongst the other regular visitors that we catalogue.

In addition, we are worried about the potential impact of extensive excavation, drainage works and peat disturbance on local streams, rivers, springs, groundwater and private water supplies. Dough Mountain forms part of a wider connected catchment and local residents rely on these waters for environmental, agricultural and domestic purposes.

Furthermore, we are concerned about the impact of a lengthy construction programme involving heavy construction traffic and abnormal loads travelling through local communities. The effects of the project would not be limited to the turbine locations but would also affect residents, road users and businesses throughout the wider area.

This also risks disturbing the peace and tranquility of the area and the local flora. We record the wildflowers, grasses and berries every summer along the roadsides and

believe these may not survive the impact of heavy-duty vehicles. We also take daily walks on the roads and paths on Dough Mountain, which is close to our property, we are concerned about the potential effects of turbine noise, shadow flicker and aviation lighting on nearby residents including ourselves, and on the enjoyment of homes and outdoor spaces.

Our primary concern is not renewable energy itself but whether Dough Mountain is an appropriate location for a development of this scale. The planning documents identify peatland, sensitive habitats, groundwater vulnerability, karst features, hydrological connectivity, landscape sensitivity and the need for extensive mitigation and compensation measures. In our view, these factors indicate that the site is environmentally sensitive and unsuitable for large-scale industrial development.

Yours sincerely,

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