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Subject: Submission/Observation on Planning Application

Case Reference No.: ACP-323048-25 / PAX12.324290

Proposed Development: Renewable Energy Development of a Wind Farm

Location: Lissinagroagh, Co. Leitrim

To whom it may concern,

We wish to make a submission/observation **[objection]** in relation to the above proposed development.

We are residents, property owners and concerned members of the public residing at the above address, located approximately 1.12 kilometres from the nearest proposed turbine [T3] – see mark-up attached at Appendix A referencing same.

We respectfully object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

Consultation Process

Our biggest objection against this proposed development relates to how poor the Consultation Process was. It was not made clear by the Community Liaison Officers from the outset what the size of this proposed development would be, it was a more generic “small talk” at the front door to our house. It was not until the Project Brochure was released by FutureEnergy in March 2026 did the size and extent of the proposed development become clear to us.

What was very misleading from the outset was the name of the proposed development, Lissinagroaghh Windfarm. To speak about a Windfarm in Lissinagroagh to locals you would be under the impression that you would not be affected by it living in Lisross, Rossinver when in fact you are more affected, we would argue due to the location of the proposed turbines.

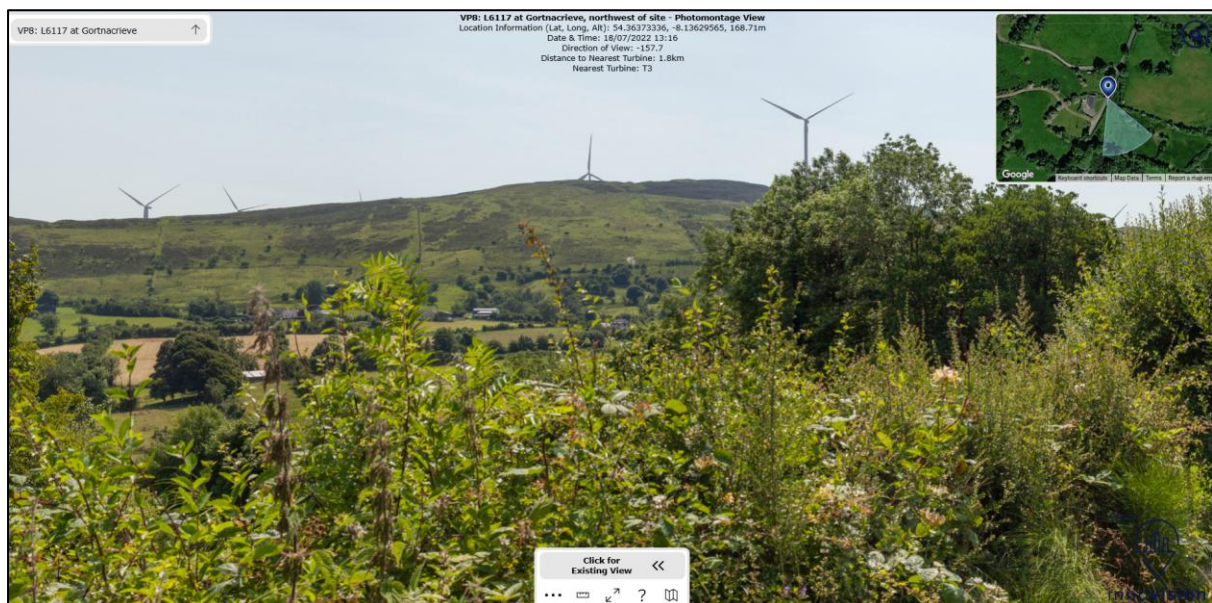
When we then started to speak to friends and family about the proposed development it became clear that more than half of the people we spoke to were totally unaware of the project as they were not been engaged by the Community Liaison Officers and had received no correspondence at all from FutureEnergy. We only found out after that the reason for this was because they lived further than 2 kilometres from the development therefore were adjudged to not be affected by the proposed development therefore did not have to be engaged with, which

is totally ridiculous. People far outside this 2-kilometre perimeter will be affected by this proposed development if it is let proceed.

Our next opportunity to find out a bit more about this development was the community engagement clinics been arranged by FutureEnergy. Firstly, while we ourselves were quite happy that the clinics where been held in our local community centre in Rossinver it became clear to us that there was a reason Rossinver was chosen as opposed to the more central and more accessible location of Manorhamilton and that was because FutureEnergy didn't really want to engage with the public.

The clinics were arranged by FutureEnergy for Tuesday the 31st of March and Wednesday the 1st of April 2026. Again, it needs to be highlighted that people who were not engaged with by the FutureEnergy Community Liaison Officers [people that lived further than 2 kilometres away from his proposed development] prior to this had no knowledge of these clinics and therefore missed out on same. You could only attend these clinics **by appointment only** which my father and I felt from the outset was very strange. I booked an appointment for my father and I on the 1st of April 2026 [**April Fool's Day!**]. When we landed at our local community centre we were taken aback at the set up. The blinds were drawn on the external windows and then when we entered the hall the glazed screens on the internal doors into the main hall had temporary covers over them! The whole thing felt a bit guarded for some reason.

When we entered the hall and began to engage with the Tobin engineers, we were left unsatisfied with the answers we received to our queries. I wanted to see more and better photomontages of the Windmill locations, but I was told that that wasn't possible. The photomontages in the Project Brochure and online were of an unsatisfactory level. I live a junction on the main Manorhamilton Garrison road [R282] which I personally thought would have been a perfect location for a photomontage of the proposed turbines but instead the closest one available to my house was from a nearby back road [L6117] with trees/bushes impeding more than half of the photo – see image below of same.



My dad wanted to know why so many houses were not detailed/mapped on the maps that they were using in their Project Brochure or online and he was told that they were the most up to date maps that they had available to them. Dad's concern rested with planners reviewing these maps remotely and concluding that the area surrounding the proposed development were not greatly populated leading them to believe not too many people would be affected by this development when that it not the case – quite the opposite in fact.

Overall, it felt like the entire Consultation Process by FutureEnergy was a “tick-the-box” exercise and was kept to a minimal so that they could engage with as little of the public as possible. This is the biggest single reason why I think this **planning should be refused or rejected** so FutureEnergy are made to properly engage with the public on a meaningful level if they go for planning again on this site or in the area.

Previous wind farm for the same site was refused Planning Permission

Back in 2010 planning permission was refused for wind farm on the same mountain/site. This development consisted of 8 nr wind turbines of 80 metres in height, and it was refused planning permission under the following headings;

1) the proposed development would pose an unacceptable risk of degradation of the priority habitat; surface pollution; risk of slope instability; the proposed development would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area;

2) the proposed development would constitute an unacceptable obtrusive feature on the landscape and would seriously injure the visual and recreational amenities of the area;

These issues still exist today and cannot be mitigated in any meaningful way therefore I find it very hard to comprehend how a development for **8 nr turbines 80 metres in height** could be refused planning permission in 2010 but a development of **14 nr turbines 185 metres in height** could seek to be approved. I therefore urge An Coimisiun Pleanala to stand over the reasons used for refusing planning permission back in 2010 and **refuse planning** permission for this development for the same exact reasons.

Conflict with the Leitrim County Development Plan

In the Leitrim County Development Plan 2023-2029 it clearly states that “there are no areas where new wind turbines would be accepted in principle”. This Planning Application breaches the County Development and therefore must be **refused or be rejected** on this ground alone.

Landscape and Visual Impact

We are concerned that turbines of up to 185 metres in height would fundamentally alter the character of Dough Mountain and the surrounding uplands of North Leitrim. 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. In our opinion this Planning Application breaches the County Development here again and therefore must be **refused or be rejected**.

In addition to this and as outlined in the “Consultation Process” section of our objection, FutureEnergy have not and also rejected to show us what the view will be from our home if these turbines are approved. We can hear the existing 3 nr turbines and see the tops of the blades of 1 nr turbine from our house, the proposed new turbines T1, T2 and T3 are closer to my house than the 3 nr existing turbines, are taller [185m] than the existing [120m] and are to be situated on more elevated grounds. While FutureEnergy have failed/rejected to show us what the view will be from our house, we now know from our own review/findings that the impact [visual, noise, shadow flicker] will be vastly more than what it is at the minute, and to how much of an impact is simply unknown at this time, which is kind of frightening.

Wildlife and Nature

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

Water, Springs and Wells

We are concerned 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 residents rely on these waters for environmental, agricultural and domestic purposes.

Our neighbour [Enda Kilkenny] has his own well on his land which he utilises, how this will be affected by this development is simply unknown.

We also spent countless days/evenings over the years fishing in Lough Melvin, we know from living in the area that Lough Melvin is linked to Dough Mountain through various waterways [rivers, streams etc.] and we are afraid that these waterways will be polluted either during construction or after and this pollution could wipe out the unique/rare fish species in the lake, specifically the Gilaroo Trout. The lake is also home to Grilse Salmon which could also be affected by the abovementioned pollution.

Peat, Bog and Ground Conditions

We are concerned about the scale of excavation, drainage 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 our view, this demonstrates the sensitivity of the site and raises concerns regarding peat stability, water quality and long-term environmental impacts.

There are landslides happening on Dough Mountain even without this proposed development, these landslides are evident from a simple walk up the mountain and can even be seen from the main Manorhamilton Garrison road [R282], specifically around Brackary More.

Been from Rossinver, we are also acutely aware of the damage landslides caused at a Wind Farm Developments in Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim [Garvagh Gleabe “Black Banks”] and in Barnesmore Gap Co. Donegal [Meenbog Wind Farm]. The ground on Dough Mountain is no different to these locations so the risk of the same happening here is very high and very real which is quite scary.

Noise, Shadow Flicker and Quality of Life

We are concerned about the potential effects of turbine noise, shadow flicker and aviation lighting will have on our home and on other nearby residents and on the enjoyment of homes and outdoor spaces. The scale and proximity of the proposed turbines raise concerns regarding residential amenity and quality of life.

As noted previously, our home is only 1.12 kilometres from the nearest turbine, and we strongly feel that the noise and shadow flicker from the proposed turbines will cause us detrimental effects.

In addition to the above, we also have a 4-year-old son and 1 year old daughter. Our 4-year-old son Callum is just getting to an age where he is not afraid to be outside by himself playing in the garden and we feel the noise from these turbines will negatively affect this aspect of his life moving forward.

We also feel the noise of these proposed wind turbines could affect our daughters sleeping routine/pattern for the worst. The house we live in is so well insulated that during the summer months we need to leave windows and/or Velux’s open to cool down the upstairs of our house. As noted above we can already hear the existing 3 nr wind turbines on this site so we have absolutely no idea of the noise these proposed wind turbines will make given the sheer size of them and the elevations that they are to be installed at, but what we can say for certain is that the noise and shadow flicker will increase greatly due to the proposed installation of turbines T1, T2 and T3.

We strongly feel these proposed wind turbines will negatively affect our wellbeing and the enjoyment we get from living in our wee house in rural Leitrim/Ireland.

Roads and Construction Traffic

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. We are concerned that the sheer weight and quantity of construction vehicles that will be needed for the construction will have a detrimental effect on the roads in the area which are already not in great shape.

Also, this site is in a tranquil area [except for the 3 nr existing turbines] that our family and lots of other families and people use to park up and go for walks. This will defiantly be out of the question during the construction phase of the proposed development due the dangers associated with the volume construction traffic required and then after construction as that tranquil feeling will be completely erased from the area.

Tourism, Recreation and Amenity

Dough Mountain and the surrounding uplands are an important recreational and amenity resource. We are concerned that the industrialisation of this landscape would diminish the experience of residents and visitors who value the area for walking, nature, scenery and enjoyment of the countryside.

The existing 3 nr turbines [120m high] are visible on all roads leading into and out of Manorhamilton. If these 14 nr 185m high wind turbines are let to proceed, the whole visual amenity of the area will be lost forever as this proposed development will simply dominate the skyline in North Leitrim for generations to come and Lovely Leitrim will be no more in North Leitrim.

Heritage, Culture and Local Identity

We believe Dough Mountain has important cultural, historical and community value which should be considered when considering this proposal. The landscape forms part of the identity of the area and contributes to its sense of place and local character.

As noted previously, we felt like FutureEnergy did not engage the public in any sort of meaningful way, so we took it upon ourselves to inform our immediate neighbours about the proposed development.

When visiting one of our neighbours [John James Meehan] he started to inform us of all the ancient sites in the area, some we were aware of and others not. Please see marked-up map at Appendix B which highlights a ringfort, a fairy fort and what seems to be an old graveyard/burial site. Our point is that these ancient sites are within a 2-kilometre distance of the proposed turbine T1, so it asks the question of us what other ancient sites/ruins are going to be lost within the confines of the site should this proposed development be allowed to go ahead.

It seems to us that if this development is let go ahead so many other things are going to suffer at its expense, whether that is local heritage, people, animals, the environment etc. and it is on these grounds we urge An Coimisiun Pleanála to **refuse permission** for this proposed development – to literally save our local heritage, culture and identity.

Suitability of the Location

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. Plus, these are the exact reasons why a much smaller development [**8 nr turbines 80 metres in height**] was refused planning back in 2010.

We personally have nothing against wind turbines, while we do feel that the amount of wind farms has blighted our countryside as is evident from just driving around Ireland, we just strongly feel the proposed location for this development is completely wrong for all the reasons

given throughout this submission but mainly just because of the sheer scale of these turbines/development for such a quaint wee corner of Ireland.

The community does not want the development

From living in the area and engaging with our friends and family in the area and the public it has become evidently clear that the community, specifically our local community [Rossinver] does not want this development. This was also quite clear from the turnout to the public meeting held in the Bee Park Community Centre in Manorhamilton on Thursday the 18th of June 2026.

The developer FutureEnergy has simply not done enough to inform the local public about this proposed development and the sheer size of it. We joined the local Save Dough Mountain Group back in March 2026 and what became very clear very quickly is how little knowledge the local public had about this development due to the poor engagement by the developer with them. The Save Dough Mountain Group has done far more to inform the local public about this development. Once informed about it, it became clear people simply did not want this industrial development in their back gardens.

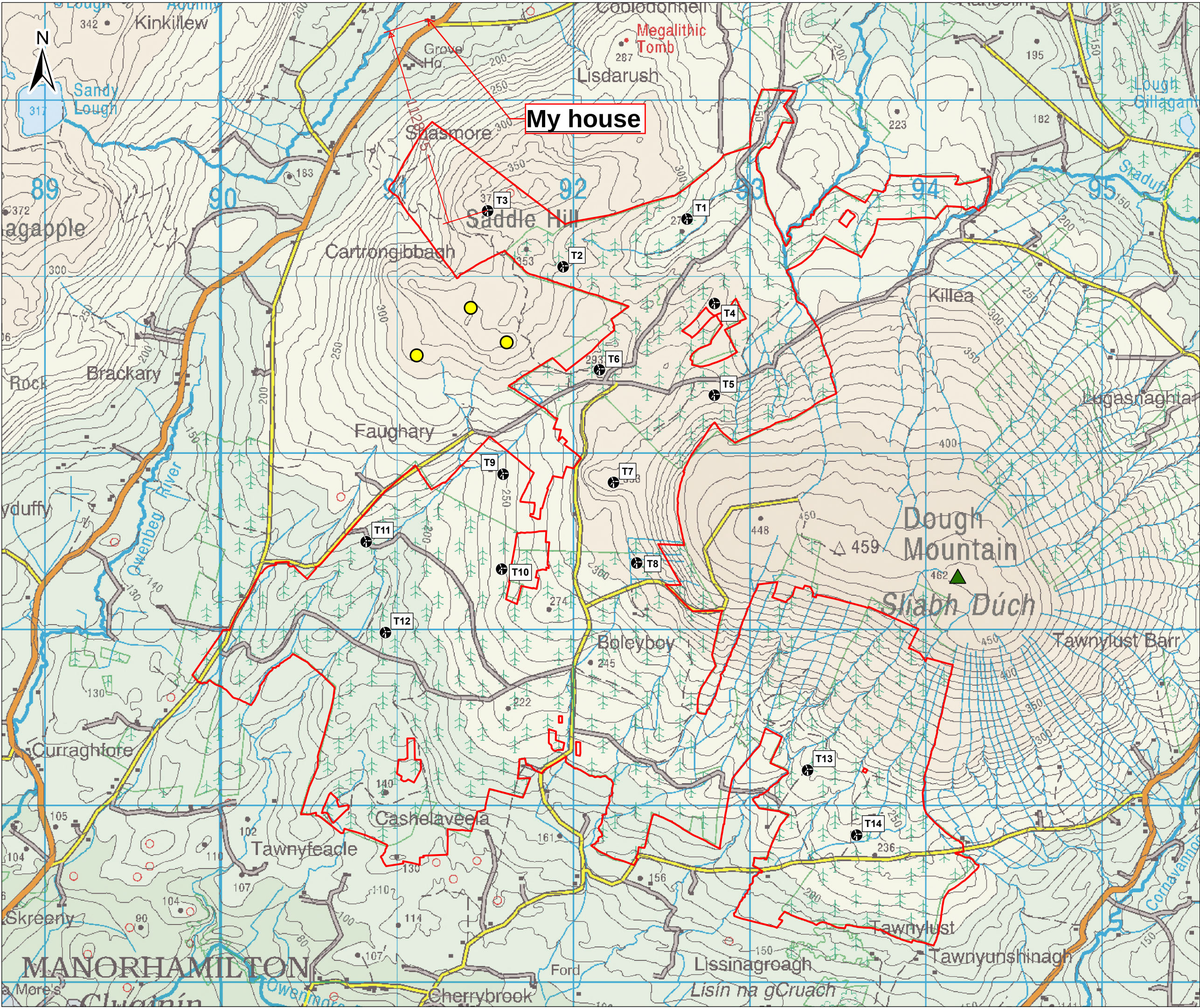
I know we cannot speak for everyone or put in submissions on their behalf, but what we do know is that we do not want this development this close to our young family home and urge An Coimisiun Pleanala to **refuse permission** for this proposed development.

To conclude, for the various reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiun Pleanala to **refuse permission** for this proposed development.

Kind Regards

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APPENDIX A



- Legend**
- Development site study area
 - Turbine Locations
 - Dough Mountain
 - Faughary Wind Farm - Connected Turbines



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APPENDIX B

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