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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to make a submission about the proposed Littleton Wind Farm on the old Bord na Móna peatlands in Co. Tipperary.

I live between approximately 1.7 and 1.9 km from four of the proposed turbines. There are 11 turbines proposed in total, and they are going to have a tip height of up to 200 metres. I am very concerned about having turbines of this size so close to where I live and about the impact they could have on the area.

One of my main concerns is the wildlife and birds in the area. There are a lot of different birds around the bog and surrounding land. Some of the birds I have seen or know are in the area include woodcock, barn owl, yellowhammer, grebes, red kite, hen harrier, snipe, golden plover, redwing, meadow pipit, white-tailed sea eagle, short-eared owl, kingfisher, merlin, skylark, willow warbler, linnet, goldcrest and coot.

There are also kestrels breeding on the old Bord na Móna premises. We regularly hear curlews and their calls can be heard around the area. It is also possible to see them, and I would hate to see the wildlife that is already living and breeding here affected by this development.

I am also concerned about whooper swans, lapwings and the marsh fritillary butterfly in the area. Some of these species are already under pressure and I don't think the impact that the wind farm could have on them should be overlooked.

Another concern I have is the Blackwater stream and the surrounding water. There is going to be a huge amount of construction involved in building 11 turbines, including roads, foundations and other infrastructure. I am concerned about the amount of concrete that will be used and what impact all of this construction could have on the peatland, drainage and the local stream.

I understand that renewable energy is important and that we need to produce more energy from renewable sources. However, I don't think this should come at the expense of the wildlife and natural environment that we already have in the area.

Even though this is old Bord na Móna land, there is still a lot of wildlife living there. It is not just empty land, and I think that needs to be properly considered before this development goes ahead.

I am also worried about the visual impact of the turbines. At up to 200 metres high, they are going to be extremely large and will change the appearance of the countryside for people living nearby.

As someone who lives so close to the proposed development, I would ask that the concerns of local residents and the possible impact on the wildlife, birds, water and peatland are properly considered before a decision is made.

For the reasons outlined above, I request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse planning permission for the proposed development.

Kind Regards,

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