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**An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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**Re: Planning Submission/ Observation
Case reference – PAX92.324370
Applicant – Littleton Wind Farm Designated Activity Company
Development Description; Proposed Borrow Pit and Associated Works at
Longfordpass North and Longfordpass South, Urlingford, County Tipperary**

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to lodge a formal observation regarding the above referenced planning application for, inter alia, a proposed borrow pit. Enclosed is the statutory fee of €30.00.

I recently acquired a residential holding in immediate proximity to the proposed development site. My property is marked R303 on figure number 11.3 of EIAR volume 4. I have severe concerns regarding the developments long term impacts on residential amenity, public safety and essential private infrastructure.

I respectfully request that the Commission take the following specific grounds into consideration when assessing this application;

1.RISK TO PRIVATE WATER WELL AND WATER TABLE

- **Water supply vulnerability;** my property relies entirely on a private ground water well for its domestic and agricultural water supply.
- **Water table interference;** Excavation and deep extraction at the borrow pit risk intercepting the local water table, creating a drawdown effect that could cause my well to run dry.
- **Blasting contamination;** the use of explosives risks opening new fractures in the bed rock, potentially diverting critical water pathways away from my borehole or introducing silt, heavy metals, and chemical residues from blasting agents into my drinking water.
- **Requested action;** I request that the Commission mandate a comprehensive hydrogeological impact assessment. This must include baseline testing of my well water quality and yield, alongside a legally binding remediation bond to guarantee

a replacement mains connection or deep borehole at the applicants expense should my supply be compromised.

2. NOISE, STRUCTURAL VIBRATIONS AND BLASTING IMPACTS

- **Proximity to Residence;** the close proximity of the proposed borrow pit to my property means that regular operations will directly shatter the quiet enjoyment of my property.
- **Blasting Shockwaves;** ground borne vibrations from rock blasting present a quantifiable risk of structural damage (such as subsidence, foundation movement and wall cracking) to my property.
- **Acoustic Disturbance;** continuous noise from rock hammering, crushing, screening and heavy machinery operation will cause severe acoustic disturbance, particularly given the rural baseline environment.
- **Requested action;** I request that structural pre blasting surveys of my property be made a mandatory precondition of any grant of permission. Strict decibel limits and peak particle velocity (PPV) vibration thresholds must be conditioned in line with EPA Environment Management Guidelines, alongside independent real time monitoring.

3. TRAFFIC, HEAVY MACHINERY AND ROAD SAFETY

- **Substandard Road Network;** the local road network serving this site is narrow, rural and structurally unsuited to sustained movement of heavy commercial vehicles (HGV haulage).
- **Traffic Conflict;** the introduction of high volume, laden HGVs and heavy plant machinery poses a severe safety hazard to local residents, cyclists and agricultural road users.
- **Structural Road Damage;** accelerated deterioration, rutting and roadside collapse of the public road are inevitable under heavy axel loads creating hazardous driving conditions.
- **Requested Action;** a full Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) must be insisted upon. The applicant should be required to fund a Special Infrastructure Contribution under the Planning and Development Acts to pay for road strengthening and continuous repair works.

Given the immediate threat to my essential drinking water supply, the structural integrity of my property, and the safety of the local public road, I believe the development as currently proposed is unsustainable and injurious to local amenities.

Please ensure that I am notified of the Commission's decision and any further information requested from the applicant regarding this application.

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Norton

