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To : An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Case Ref. 324370-Formal

Objection to the Proposed Borrow Pit (Quarry) Associated with the Littleton Wind Farm Development

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir /Madam,

I wish to lodge a formal complaint to the proposed borrow pit (quarry) forming part of the Littleton Wind Farm Development

I have lodged a complaint with Tipperary Co. Council on the 07/03/24 with Reference: TUD -23-225

My complaint at that time was digging in co council quarry, which is located at the back of my house, rock breakers till late hours and noise causing stress and sleep deprivation at that time and for some time afterwards

This quarrying has been going on and off over the years, boulders falling on our Cul de sac lane with heavy machinery that was overloaded with stone and driving too fast up and down the lane this site has been used and is still being used by Sean Hayden for financial gain over the years there is two commercial business up our lane owned by Haydens.

1 : Hayens Haylage producing lots of bales which are transported up and down lane with buyers of produce coming and going to this site which is located across from proposed quarry pit for wind farm.

2: Haydens Plant and Agri limited registered to Longford Pass.

All the above is now being escalated with purposed wind farm borrow pit which is very close to my house.

The ditch boundary is less than 200 metres from my boundary and all in plain site from my back windows.

Having reviewed the planning application and the environment impact assessment report, I have serious concerns regarding the impact this development will have on my family and nearby residents and the local environment and surrounding countryside.

1: Blasting, Noise and Vibration

The planning application states that blasting may be required within the purposed borrow pit to extract rock.

Given the close proximity of my home, I am extremely concerned about the blasting generating excessive noise, vibration and dust. These impacts will seriously affect the peaceful enjoyment of our home and concerns of effect of nearby buildings and property.

I respectfully ask the Board to carefully examine whether the predicated levels of blasting, vibration and noise are acceptable where homes are located so close to the proposed borrow pit.

2. Dust and Air Quality

The proposed quarry will generate dust from blasting, excavation, rock crushing and heavy vehicle movements. Dust will affect nearby homes, gardens, farmland and the surrounding environment.

I am concerned that this will reduce air quality and negatively affect the health and wellbeing of my family and neighbouring residents.

3. Groundwater and Water Well

I have a legal right to use a nearby family water well which is close to my site, and I have concerns that blasting and excavation could affect both the quality and quantity of the groundwater supplying this well. I am also joined in a local group water scheme that supplies water to residents, 12 number houses in total. I have concerns for the water well also.

4. Traffic and Road Safety

My family lives on a cul-de-sac road which is used by local residents and is not designed to accommodate significant volumes of construction traffic.

I am extremely concerned that construction workers' vehicles, heavy quarry traffic and large lorries will regularly use this road to access the borrow pit.

This will increase traffic, noise and congestion while creating a serious safety risk for residents, pedestrians and children living on the road.

I ask that a full independent traffic assessment and road safety audit be carried out before any decision is made.

5. Impact on My Family

Two of my children have been diagnosed with dyslexia. They benefit from a quiet, calm and stable home environment to support their learning and wellbeing.

The continuous disturbance from blasting, heavy machinery, quarry operations and increased traffic would significantly disrupt our family life and their ability to study and concentrate at home.

6. Wildlife and Biodiversity

I am concerned that the proposed borrow pit will damage the local natural environment and disturb wildlife living in the area.

Blasting, excavation, vegetation removal, noise and increased activity could affect birds, mammals and other wildlife that depend on these habitats.

I ask that An Coimisiún Pleanála carefully considers the impacts on biodiversity and ensures that protected species and habitats are fully safeguarded.

7. Restoration of the Borrow Pit

If permission is granted, I request that legally enforceable planning conditions require the borrow pit to be fully restored to its original agricultural condition once extraction has finished.

A financial bond should also be required to guarantee that restoration is completed regardless of any future change in ownership or the financial position of the developer.

8. Availability of an Existing Licensed Quarry

I understand that there are two existing licensed quarries located close to the proposed borrow pit.

Maher's quarry is 10 mins from proposed site and Roadstone ,Killough quarries are 19 mins away.

I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to consider whether it is necessary to permit a new borrow pit close to family homes when a licensed quarry already exists nearby.

I request that the applicant clearly demonstrates why suitable rock cannot be sourced from the existing licensed quarry instead of creating a new extraction site with additional environmental and residential impacts.

9. Loss of Residential Amenity

The combined effects of blasting, vibration, dust, heavy traffic, noise and visual impact will significantly reduce the quality of life of my family and other nearby residents.

I do not believe these impacts are acceptable given the close proximity of the proposed borrow pit to our home.

Conclusion

For all the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuses planning permission for the proposed borrow pit associated with the Littleton Wind Farm development.

The proposal would have significant adverse impacts on nearby residents through blasting, vibration, dust, noise, traffic, potential effects on groundwater, impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, and the loss of residential amenity.

I also ask the Board to carefully consider the safety implications of construction traffic using our cul-de-sac road, the impact on my family, including my two children with dyslexia, and whether a new borrow pit is necessary when there is an existing licensed quarry located so close to proposed site.

Should the Board decide to grant permission, I request that the strictest possible planning conditions be imposed, including independent monitoring of blasting, vibration, noise, dust, groundwater and traffic, together with legally enforceable restoration of the borrow pit supported by an appropriate financial bond.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Dwyer