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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64, Marlborough Street
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FORMAL OBJECTION LETTER

Dear Sir/Madam

I, Anne Mangan, formally object to the proposed planning located within the townlands of Muingmore (An Mhoing Mhór), Doolough (Dumha Locha), Tristia (Troiste), Moneynierin (Moing an Iarainn) and Bangor (Baingear) County Mayo, planning reference PAX16.324387 for a development consisting of 13 wind turbines, a 110kV substation, battery energy storage system (BESS) and all associated infrastructure & infrastructure (both temporary & permanent) by RWE.

Effects on local communities

I have been brought up in the immediate area of the proposed development & am very concerned about the effect it would have on our community.

It is a lovely, thriving area, with many people having moved back home since 2020. People enjoy the area because of its tranquillity, scenic views, nature & wildlife. Walking the country roads is often an opportunity for people to catch-up with each other, relax & watch the Irish Hare amble about.

There is huge cause for concern re the emergency services response times to the whole Erris area, during the construction phase, with the abnormal volume of traffic & imposed one-way systems required to completed the proposed project. The increased wait time can only adversely affect health outcomes.

Health

There is ever growing research to suggest that living within at least 10kms of wind turbines can have detrimental effects on physical & mental health. Enough is not known about infrasound & ground vibration generated by these machines. Noise & light pollution are other negative factors.

Environmental Impacts

Noise pollution - from the turbines & the BESS facility.

Light pollution - from the BESS compound & aviation lighting on the turbines.

Flicker – having seen videos of other properties affected at existing windfarms, I find it alarming & unacceptable that we & other residents in our area would have to endure this.

Visual impact - not only from the residential properties but from the beauty/tourist spots such as Shra Beach, Doolough beach & Claggan Island. And further afield from Blacksod, Wild Nephin National Park & Achill amongst many areas.

Birds – the migratory birds which overwinter within the catchment area of the development site at Blacksod Bay would be put at risk. As would the birds of prey, bats, housemartin.

Peat extraction – this will be devastating for the wildlife, flora & fauna. Given the area is upland it is also a huge concern it could cause flood risk to local properties &, road network. Landslide is another concern following the industrial scale of peat extraction required.

The **Maerl beds**, which store significant quantities of carbon are protected under annexe V of the EU habitats directive.

Blacksod Bay – is an area of significant importance, designated as an **SAC & an SPA**

Streams -- small streams run throughout the proposed site & feed into the Blacksod Bay area of the Atlantic Ocean.

Contamination – given the heavy machinery that will be required to complete the works there is an alarmingly high risk of contamination from oil, diesel, chemicals etc, which would impact the peatland, streams, Blacksod Bay & wildlife.

Tourism

The area relies heavily on tourism, which in turn provides jobs, if there were no tourists, there would be no jobs.

If the views & peacefulness of our area are destroyed, there will be no reason for these tourists to visit. These people visit the area because of its uniqueness, stunning coastal landscapes, walks & trails. For bird-watching & otter spotting. They come for peace & quiet, to immerse themselves in the heritage & culture of the area. They do not come to be stuck in traffic jams & view noisy, industrial windfarms which scar the landscapes.

The Mayo County Development Plan has deemed the area under consideration for this development as unsuitable and I whole-heartedly agree.

I respectfully submit that the Muingmore Windfarm project is not appropriate for this location due to the significant negative impact on the landscape, ecology, local residents & amenities, infrastructure.

I strongly urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development in the interests of sustainable planning & development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully

Anne Mangan