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**An Coimisiún Pleanála**

**64 Marlborough Street**

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**Case Reference: PAX16.324387**

**Re: Proposed development of Muingmore Wind Farm — 13 wind turbines, 110kV substation, battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure, townlands of Muingmore, Doolough, Tristia, Moneynierin and Bangor, County Mayo. Applicant: RWE Renewables Ireland Limited.**

**A Chara,**

**I wish to submit the following observation in respect of the above-named planning application, in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).**

**I am Caroline Carroll, and I live at Muingnacree, Bunahowen. I wish to make an observation on the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.**

My main concerns are the BESS, the noise, the shadow flicker, the impact on our home, and the effect on the surrounding environment. Our street is a designated residential zone, and previous applications for building structures have already been dismissed because of that.

I live about 2 miles from the proposed BESS, and my biggest worry is the fire and emergency risk. This is not the same as an ordinary fire. It is a grid-scale battery storage system, and that brings serious risks, including toxic gases, harmful chemicals, electric shock, extreme heat, and the possibility of explosive gases. I believe the developer must have a proper safety plan, emergency access, and clear evacuation procedures in place. The application does not explain this in any detail.

I am also concerned about the constant noise and humming from the development. That kind of noise, day and night, would be especially difficult at night and would affect the peace of our home.

We will also be impacted by shadow flicker, as well as noise from the turbines every day and every night. The application does not clearly show the shadow flicker in the winter when the radius arc of the sun is closer to the horizon and will absolutely affect my home. Our home has a view across to Claggan Island and into Broadhaven Bay, and that view would be badly affected by these turbines.

Property value is another serious concern. This development will reduce the future resale value of our home, and that matters to us and to our family. We have worked hard for our home, and we do not want to see it devalued by an industrial development so close to us.

I am also very concerned about the protected peatlands in this area. We have blanket bog designated as a Natura 2000 habitat, and we already restrict ourselves from cutting turf because of how important this land is to nature. This area also supports birds and wildlife, and I am worried about what this development will do to that.

This is not just land to us. It is part of where we live, what we see every day, and what we want to protect for the future.

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

Caroline Carroll

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