

An Coimisiún Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902.

Date: 14th July 2026

RE: Formal Planning Objection / Observation

- **Planning Reference:** PAX16.324387
- **Proposed Development:** 13 wind turbines (180-metre tip height each), 110kV substation, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and associated infrastructure at Muingmore, Doolough, and Tristia townlands, Co. Mayo.
- **Developer:** RWE Renewables Ireland Limited
- **Objector:** Danny Howard, Wardley, Monterey Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow & Muingmore, Co. Mayo

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Danny Howard, and I am 16 years old. I am writing to formally object to the proposed wind farm development at Muingmore. While I know you have received letters from adults talking about planning policies, noise data, and maps, I want to object based on what this land actually means to the people who are from here and who love it.

My family has deep roots in Muingmore and the surrounding parts of Mayo. Even though we live in Wicklow, Mayo has always been our anchor. For my entire life, coming to Muingmore hasn't just been about visiting a place; it has been about connecting with our family's history.

When you stand and look out over the bogs toward the Geesala skyline or across Blacksod Bay, you are seeing the exact same wild, unspoiled landscape that my dad, my grandparents, and the generations before them looked at. It is quiet, it is open, and it feels completely untouched by the heavy industry of the modern world. That is what makes North-West Mayo so special.

If these massive wind turbines are built, that connection gets broken forever.

I understand that we need renewable energy, but building structures this huge in such a sensitive, beautiful place feels wrong. They won't just change the view—they will completely change the spirit of the area. It won't feel like the wild coastline our family has cherished for generations; it will just feel like an industrial power plant.

As someone from the younger generation, I am constantly hearing about how we need to protect our environment for the future. But protecting the environment shouldn't mean destroying our natural, historical landscapes to put up spinning metal towers. Once you ruin a landscape like Muingmore, you can't get it back.

I am asking you to please think about the history of the families connected to this land, and what you are leaving behind for my generation. Please refuse permission for this wind farm and protect the wildness of Mayo.

Yours sincerely,

Danny Howard

July 15, 2026