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An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Re: Observation on Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development (Case Ref: PAX16.324387)

A Chara,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm. I was born and bred in Lakefield, and my home looks straight out over the proposed site — thirteen turbines would stand right near my garden, in the view I have looked at my whole life.

My biggest concern is the effect of noise and shadow flicker on my work and on the people I work with. I am a Life Coach and work from home, and I need quiet when I am with clients during their therapy sessions. I also work with Workability, supporting clients with autism and ADHD, and constant noise or flickering light would be genuinely harmful to their mental health, not just an inconvenience.

I am also in the process of buying my first home, and this development has me questioning whether I can go ahead with that decision in this area. Beyond the effect on property value, I am worried about what this would mean for the wildlife around us and for Blacksod Bay, and for the tourism this area depends on. I understand there are alternative, less sensitive sites elsewhere in the country that would not carry the same risks.

I would also note that Mayo County Council adopted its Renewable Energy Strategy only the week before this letter, and in it the Council identifies peatland sites like this one as unsuitable for wind energy development, given the risks that construction on deep, waterlogged bog poses to carbon storage, water quality, and the surrounding environment. That is the Council's own considered judgement, reached independently of this application, and it is hard to understand how this development can go ahead here in light of it.

This is where I grew up, and it is a peaceful place. My own downtime is a walk along the bog — it is where I get my me-time, and it is genuinely therapeutic for me. I want that same peace to be there for my three sons, who are growing up here and want to build their own lives in this area.

I want to be clear that I support renewable energy in principle. My objection is not to wind energy itself, but to this development being sited here, right in front of the homes and families of Lakefield.

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,

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