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An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Observation on Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development (Case Ref: PAX16.324387)

A Chara,

My name is Emma Gaughan. I was born in Geesala and have lived here for twenty-seven years. My home looks directly onto the site of the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm, and I am writing to object to this development.

I already live with migraines and tinnitus, and I am genuinely worried about what the constant low hum of turbines this close to my home would do to both. It is not just the noise itself that concerns me, but the thought of it, the worry that comes with knowing it will be there, day in and day out, for years to come. That kind of worry has a real effect on a person's health, even before anything is built, and I don't think that should be dismissed.

Alongside that, I have watched deer, otters and other wildlife in the fields and forest around here for my whole life. This is a quiet, largely untouched place, and I am afraid that a development of this scale would drive that wildlife away for good. I am also seriously concerned about pollution reaching Blacksod Bay during construction, given how closely this site is connected to it.

Tourism matters a great deal to my future and to this area's future. People come here because it is unspoiled, and I worry that a wind farm of this size, so visible and so close to homes, would change that in ways this community could not undo.

I understand that Mayo County Council's own Renewable Energy Strategy, adopted only last week, has identified peatland such as this as unsuitable for wind energy development, because of the harm construction on deep, waterlogged bog can do to carbon storage, water quality and the surrounding environment. I would ask the Board to give real weight to that finding.

I want to say clearly that I am not against renewable energy. I simply believe this particular site, so close to my home and to the wildlife and the bay I have known my whole life, is not the right place for a project of this size.

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,

Emma Gaughan
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