



Muingmore Wind Farm- Case Reference PAX16.324387

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We are writing to formally submit our views and register a strong objection regarding the proposed industrial-scale development referenced above. As a major international investor in the region, our core concern is that this proposal threatens the very foundation of the local economy: its unspoilt natural landscape.

Despite living in the United States, we chose to invest heavily in Erris because we believed unreservedly in the future of the area. We identified tourism as a sustainable economic opportunity for this rural community. This belief culminated in a substantial long-term financial commitment to purchase and completely redevelop the Erris Coast Hotel. Our choice to invest here, when we had countless opportunities to invest elsewhere in the US, was a direct vote of confidence in the future of this rural community, its people, and its unparalleled tranquility.

The Erris Coast Hotel is not just a property; it is an economic anchor for the locality. During peak season, our operations support over 50 vital jobs in a rural area where employment opportunities are traditionally scarce. Beyond direct employment, our business creates a robust multiplier effect that benefits local tradespeople, regional food producers, independent suppliers, and surrounding tourism businesses. The viability of these jobs is directly linked to the commercial success of the hotel.

The entire economic engine of Erris relies on its pristine environment. Visitors do not travel to this region for urban amenities; they come for the unspoilt scenery, the designated dark skies, the clean beaches, and the majestic views of Nephin. The landscape is the product. Erris has earned a hard-won international reputation for its wilderness, its Wild Atlantic Way experience, its authentic culture, and its outdoor recreation. This identity has fostered an incredibly loyal base of returning visitors who come back year after year for an experience that simply cannot be replicated anywhere else.

As overseas investors, our confidence to inject capital into rural Ireland depends entirely on the state's willingness to protect the natural assets that attract visitors in the first place. Destination reputations take decades to build but can be destroyed overnight if their defining characteristics are fundamentally altered by industrialization. Currently, we are continuing to invest in our facilities and visitor experiences, including our spa. However, the profound uncertainty created by this industrial proposal forces us to re-evaluate the security of our future investment decisions in the region.

We fully acknowledge and support the global importance of transitioning to renewable energy. However, good planning requires balance. Industrial-scale developments must be strategically zoned and should never be located where they actively undermine and cannibalize successful, landscape-based tourism economies. To place an industrial footprint on a fragile scenic asset is counterproductive to the holistic development of rural Ireland.

We had countless opportunities to invest elsewhere. We chose Erris because we believed in its future and in the power of its natural landscape to sustain a thriving, authentic rural economy. We urge the planning authority to protect this irreplaceable asset and refuse permission for this displacement project.

Yours sincerely,

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