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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,

I am writing to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm. I was born in Geesala and have lived here all my life. My home overlooks the proposed site, which sits directly across the inlet from us.

The scale of these turbines is a real worry — at up to 180 metres to blade tip, they would dominate the skyline across the water from us, and this stretch of coast gets strong, constant Atlantic wind, which raises genuine concerns about noise. I am also concerned about shadow flicker. RWE's own plan does not include my property in its assessment, yet I stand directly in line between the sun and several of the proposed turbines. That is not a minor oversight — it directly affects my home.

I am also concerned about the impact on our local wildlife and on the beauty of Geesala and its surrounds. Blacksod Bay is a protected site, home to maerl beds, seals, otters, and internationally significant wintering bird populations, and construction on the peatland above risks silt and runoff reaching the bay.

This development also threatens my livelihood directly. I work at the Erris Coast Hotel and rely on that income to support myself and my family — I am a single parent with no other means of income. This area draws visitors because it is wild and undeveloped, and if tourism to Geesala is damaged, I risk losing the job I depend on every month.

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.

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, overlooking Geesala and the livelihoods of the people who live here.

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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