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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 Henry Peter Coyle. I am 29 years old, and I was born and have lived my entire life in Geesala. I work locally and give my time to community work at the civic centre, so I have a long and active relationship with this area, not just as a resident but as someone who tries to contribute to it. My home overlooks the site of the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm, and I am writing to object to this development.

I have Asperger's syndrome, and I want to explain honestly why this development is a particular source of worry for me. Predictability and familiarity in my environment matter a great deal to how I manage day to day life, and unexpected or constant sensory input, especially noise, can be genuinely overwhelming rather than simply an inconvenience. The idea of a continuous, unavoidable hum from turbines of this size, so close to my home, is something I find very difficult to think about calmly. It would not be a noise I could get used to or tune out. It would be a permanent, daily disruption to the sense of routine and calm that I rely on, and I am asking the Board to take that seriously as a real impact on a real person, not an exaggeration.

I am also seriously concerned about the disruption construction traffic would bring to our roads. Travelling to town already depends on roads that are not built for heavy volumes, and if they become clogged with HGVs during construction, that would affect my ability to get to work and to carry on with ordinary daily life, on top of the noise and disruption of the build itself.

Beyond my own personal concerns, I am worried about the wider impact on wildlife and on Blacksod Bay, which this community has always valued and depended on, and on tourism, which matters to the future of this area and the people who live here.

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 damage that construction on deep, waterlogged bog can do to carbon storage, water quality and the surrounding environment. That is the council's own considered judgement, and I would ask the Board to give it real weight.

I want to be clear that I am not against renewable energy. I simply believe this site, so close to my home and to a community I have lived in and worked for my whole life, is not the right place for a project of this scale.

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,

Henry Peter Coyle
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