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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 here and still run my farm in this area. My home and land are on the Doohoma peninsula coastline, directly opposite the proposed site.

I have been a farmer all my life. It is a hard life at times and I depend on the land for my living, my wellbeing and my income. If the wider area – Muingmore, Geesala, Mount Jubilee, and the surrounds – is affected by structures of this scale causing long-term damage, it will not just threaten my own livelihood but that of many other farming families here too.

Turbines of up to 180 metres to blade tip would stand directly across from my farm, on a coastline that already gets strong, constant Atlantic wind, which raises real concerns for me about noise and shadow flicker, as well as the visual change to this place. I am also concerned about what it would mean for property values and for the tourism this area relies on.

Farming is a way of life in rural Ireland and it works alongside the wildlife around us – birds, geese, otters and other protected species, including those in Blacksod Bay, which supports internationally significant wildlife. Without that balance, farms like mine would not continue to thrive and the wider area would be severely affected.

My way of life is a peaceful one and I treasure the dark skies we have here at night. That peace and tranquillity is something I need at my age and for my own mental wellbeing.

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, directly opposite my farm and this farming community.

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,

James King

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