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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
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FORMAL OBJECTION LETTER

Dear Sir/Madam

I, write to formally object to the proposed planning located within the townlands of Muingmore (An Mhoing Mhór), Doolough (Dumha Locha), Tristia (Troiste), Moneynierin (Moing an Iarainn) and Bangor (Baingear) County Mayo, planning reference PAX16.324387 for a development consisting of 13 wind turbines, a 110kV substation, battery energy storage system (BESS) and all associated infrastructure & infrastructure (both temporary & permanent) by RWE.

Although I am not resident within the area, I have family in the close vicinity of the proposed project, whom I visit regularly. It is always a delight to come from a busy city suburb to stay in the beautiful countryside in Tristia, part of the Wild Atlantic Way. The views over to Achill, Ballycroy & Blacksod are stunning, as too are the beaches of Shra & Doolough. The thought of this majestic landscape & scenery being vandalised by these proposed turbines is distressing.

I find it baffling that Ireland's biggest attraction & asset, the scenery, landscape, serenity, wilderness, community & culture is being sold off to the highest bidder & converted into industrial zones in the heart of the countryside. It is the aforementioned assets that the international tourists come to immerse themselves in.

Irish peatland diversity is protected under the EU Habitats Directive, EU birds Directive & the Irish wildlife Act 2000. The peat extraction alone will be devastating for the wildlife, flora & fauna.

The Erris region is renowned for its wilderness, blanket bog, stunning coastline & views, beaches & dark skies. This is what draws the tourists here. I feel it is highly irresponsible to destroy, on an industrial scale, the natural flora, fauna, insects & wildlife, including otter, badgers & the unique Irish hare, which are all protected species under threat.

Beautiful Blacksod Bay which I believe is of international importance due to the migratory birds & the Maerl beds, is a designated area of Special Protection & Conservation under EU classification.

Health concerns, especially given the close proximity of the turbine to nearby dwellings is very worrying. The ill-effects of noise, infrasound, ground vibration, flicker & light are being reported on more & more. Until there is sufficient, independently funded research into the health impacts of these facets of turbine technology they should not be sited anywhere close to residential properties.

Fire/ explosion risk is also a huge cause for concern, given the nature of turbine malfunction & instability of lithium batteries.

Lack of proximity to the Grid Connection, how is this financially feasible? The huge disruption that this will cause on a national road is highly questionable. If nothing else the current road system does not safely support the necessary vehicles & work this huge project will require.

Given that the health impacts have not been fully evaluated, the lack of proximity to the grid & the huge ecological importance in Europe of Blacksod Bay & its surrounds, I respectfully submit the proposed wind farm project is highly inappropriate for this location.

I strongly urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully

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