

**Supporting Observation Submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála
Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development**

Case Reference: PAX16.324387

Observer: Jennifer Gaughan

Relationship to Property Owner: Daughter of Peter and Nora Gaughan

Family Home: Tristia Cottage, Mount Jubilee, Bangor Erris, Co. Mayo

Date: 1st August 2026

Formal Observation and Objection to the Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development

Dear An Coimisiún Pleanála,

I wish to submit this supporting observation and strong objection to the proposed **Muingmore Wind Farm Development (Case Reference PAX16.324387)**.

I am the daughter of **Peter and Nora Gaughan**, owners and residents of **Tristia Cottage, Mount Jubilee, Bangor Erris, Co. Mayo**. Although I live in England, Mayo and Mount Jubilee remains a place of deep personal significance to me and my family. It is the place where I spent some of the happiest and most meaningful times of my childhood, and it remains the place that we return to during holidays to reconnect with our family, our heritage and the landscape that shaped who we are.

My objection is not simply as a family member of a directly affected resident. It is as someone who has a lifelong connection to this place and who understands the importance of preserving the character, tranquillity and natural beauty of Mount Jubilee and the wider Erris landscape.

The proposed Muingmore Wind Farm, and in particular the location of **Turbine 12**, would have a significant impact on the place that has provided our family with so many cherished memories over many decades. It is Receptor 47 identified within the applicant's shadow flicker assessment.

A Place of Family, Memories and Heritage

For our family, Mount Jubilee is much more than an address. It is a place filled with memories, traditions and a strong sense of belonging.

Growing up, visits to Mayo were a special part of our lives. We spent time exploring the landscape with our grandparents, learning to appreciate the simple beauty of the countryside around us.

We walked the bog with our grandfather, visited the streams, walked the cows from field to field, explored the woods and experienced the freedom and adventure that only a rural childhood can provide.

These were not just walks. They were moments that created a connection with nature, family and place.

We celebrated family gatherings at Mount Jubilee, shared important milestones together and created memories that remain with us today. One of the most special occasions was celebrating our grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary, surrounded by family in the place that meant so much to them. Mount Jubilee was the place we started to become interested in the GAA and Mayo's quest for the All-Ireland, running in the fields kicking a ball, proudly wearing our green and red back to England after our holidays, and we continue to do so, as do our children.

We also remember the magic of Christmas visits to Mount Jubilee, when Santa Claus somehow managed to find us there. Those childhood memories are part of our family story and are memories we treasure.

Protecting the Same Experience for Future Generations

Today, we return to Mount Jubilee from England with our own children, hoping that they can experience the same sense of wonder, freedom and connection that we experienced growing up.

We want our children to walk the same paths, explore the same countryside, visit the streams, see the wildlife, experience the darkness of the night sky and understand the importance of the natural environment.

We want them to have the opportunity to build their own memories with their grandparents, just as we did.

The landscape around Mount Jubilee has provided our family with something increasingly rare — a place where children can experience nature directly, away from busy roads, urban development and industrial surroundings.

The proposed development raises concerns that this unique character could be permanently changed.

Impact of Turbine 12 and the Proposed Development

Our parents' home at Mount Jubilee is located approximately **712.54 metres from the proposed location of Turbine 12.**

A turbine of approximately **180 metres in height**, together with the wider development of 13 turbines, a 110kV substation, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), access tracks and associated infrastructure, represents a substantial industrial-scale development within this rural landscape.

The impact must not be considered only in terms of distance or technical measurements. It must also consider the relationship between people and place.

The landscape surrounding Mount Jubilee provides:

- A peaceful rural environment.
- Open views and natural surroundings.
- Dark skies.
- Wildlife habitats.
- A sense of history and connection.
- A place where families gather and memories are created.

The introduction of large-scale industrial infrastructure would permanently alter this setting.

Concerns Regarding Residential Amenity and Environmental Impact

We support the need to consider renewable energy solutions; however, developments of this scale must be carefully balanced against the protection of communities and sensitive landscapes.

We are particularly concerned about:

Shadow Flicker

As our parents' property lies within the identified shadow flicker area, we request that a full property-specific assessment is undertaken.

A generic assessment using standard assumptions **cannot** accurately represent the impact on an individual family home where people live, gather and spend time.

Noise Impact

Due to the proximity of Turbine 12, we request that the potential noise impact on Mount Jubilee is properly assessed, including:

- Night-time noise.
- Low-frequency noise concerns.
- Changes depending on weather conditions and wind direction.
- Independent monitoring at or close to the property.

Visual Impact and Landscape Change

The proposed turbines would become dominant features within the landscape.

The concern is not simply about seeing a structure in the distance. It is about the permanent alteration of the views, atmosphere and sense of place that have been central to our family's connection with Mount Jubilee for generations.

Peatland, Wildlife and Protected Habitats

The Erris landscape is a sensitive Atlantic environment containing important peatlands, bog habitats, wildlife and protected areas.

The potential impacts on:

- Blanket bog.
- Water systems.
- Wildlife habitats.
- Birds.
- Bats.
- Protected European sites must be fully assessed and protected.

This landscape is not empty land. It is a living environment that supports wildlife and communities.

Cultural Heritage and Sense of Place

The area surrounding Mount Jubilee contains important archaeological and cultural heritage.

The landscape itself is part of our family heritage.

The walks, woods, streams and boglands are places where stories have been shared, generations have connected and family traditions have continued.

The impact of this development must therefore consider not only physical archaeology, but also the wider cultural landscape and the sense of place that has developed over generations.

Our Request to An Coimisiún Pleanála

We respectfully ask that An Coimisiún Pleanála considers the personal and community impact of this development alongside the technical assessments.

This is not simply a question of where turbines are placed on a map. It is about the effect on homes, families, memories, traditions and future generations.

Our parents have built their home and family life in this special place. We want our children to experience the same joy, freedom and connection to Mount Jubilee and Mayo that we experienced.

We respectfully request that:

- The **direct impact** on Mount Jubilee and Turbine 12 is fully considered.
- **Accurate assessments** of shadow flicker, noise and visual impact are undertaken.
- The importance of peatland, wildlife, archaeology and landscape character is protected.
- The long-term **impact on families and future generations** is recognised.

Mount Jubilee has given our family memories that will last a lifetime. We hope that future generations will be able to return here and experience the same beauty, peace and sense of belonging that we have always known.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that permission for the proposed **Muingmore Wind Farm Development** is refused.

Yours faithfully,

Jennifer Gaughan

Daughter of Peter and Nora Gaughan

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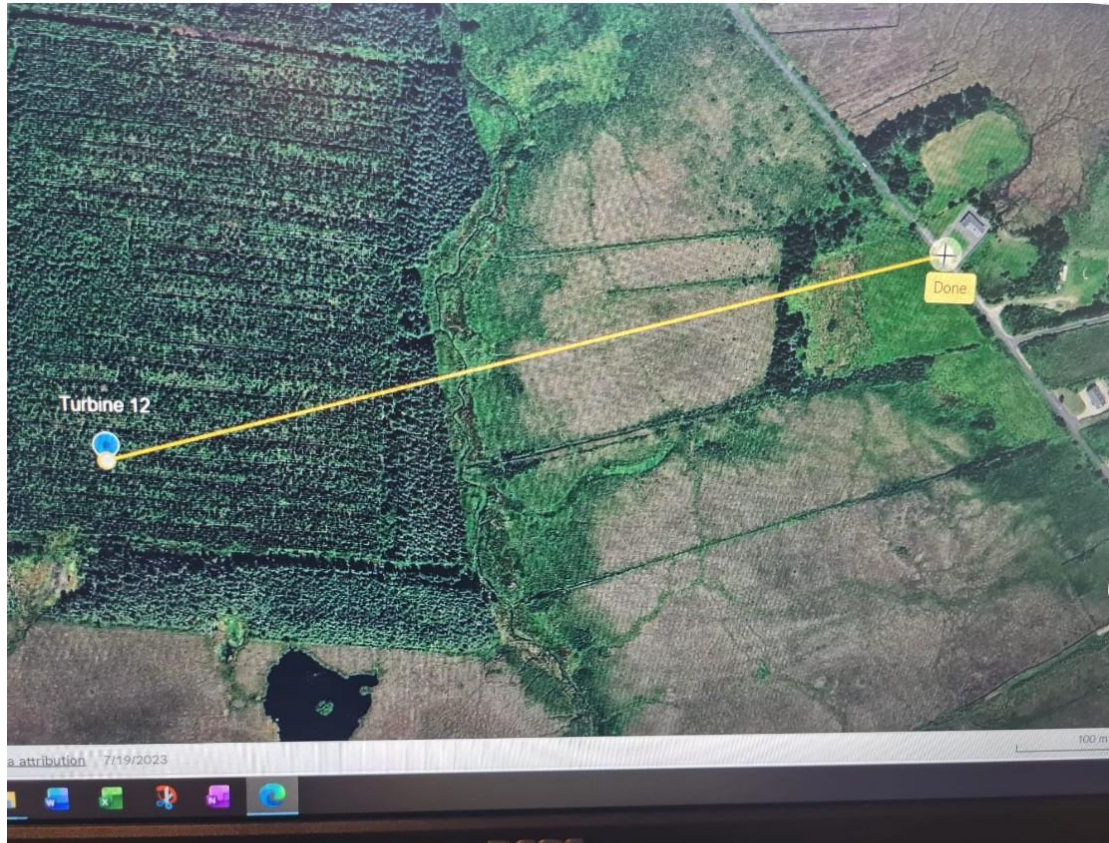
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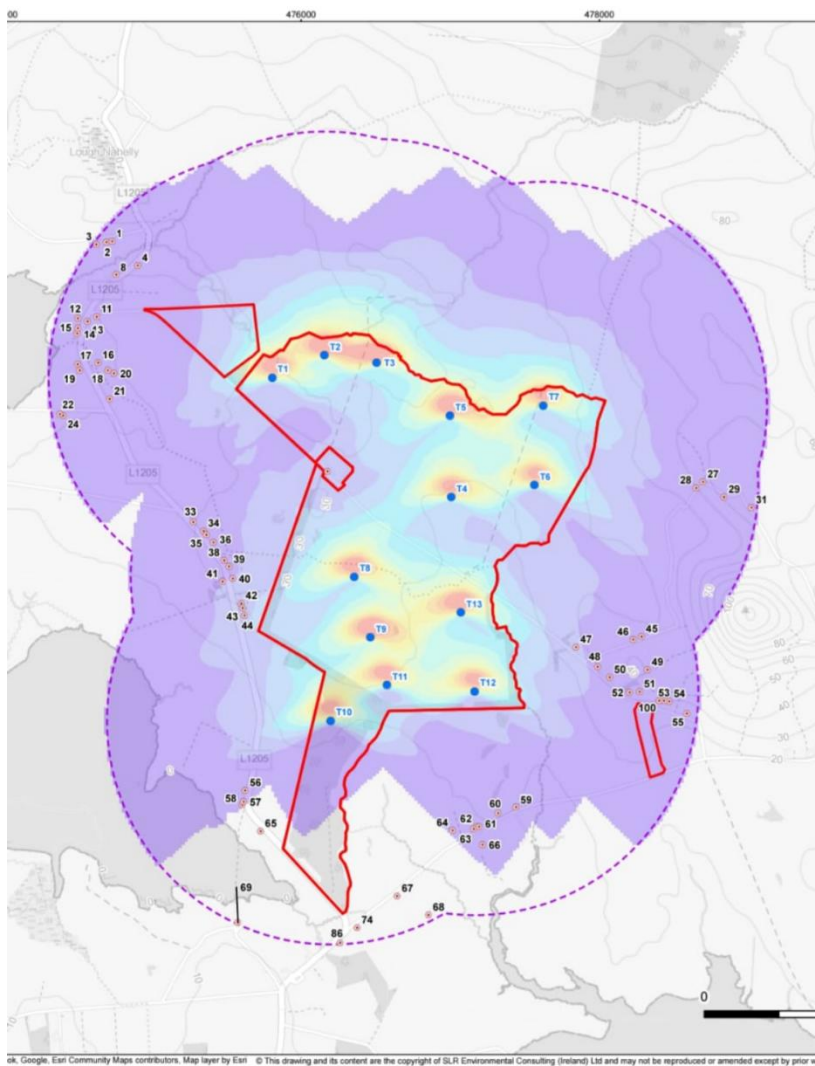
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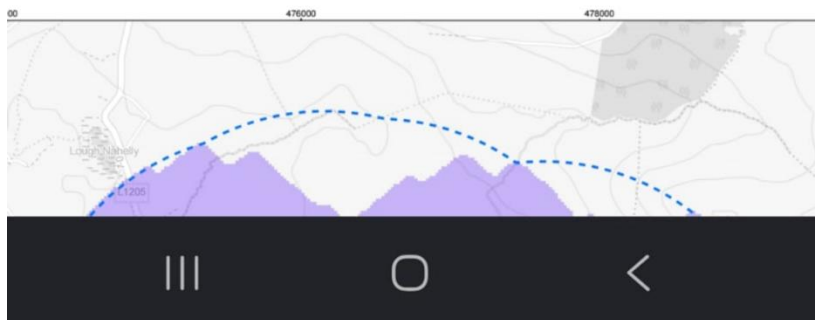
T12 to Peter Gaughan

2: Shadow flicker assessment from the applicant

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3: Distance from home to nearest turbine:

