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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Strong objection to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm

An Coimisiún Pleanála Case Reference: PAX16.324387

Site: Muingmore, Doolough, Tristia, Moneynierin and Bangor, County Mayo

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to object strongly to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm.

Mount Jubilee has been home to our family for generations. We reared our family here, and farmed our land. This is where our family life has been built, and we have a deep and lasting connection to the place. Our home is less than one kilometre from the proposed wind farm. We also have a site on the Mount Jubilee road, approximately 1,200 metres from the nearest proposed turbine, where we keep sheep. We know this land and road very well, and we are deeply concerned about the effect this development would have on our home, our farm and the future of our family property.

Roads, farming and construction traffic

The Mount Jubilee road is narrow and was not built for abnormal turbine loads, concrete lorries, stone trucks and the amount of heavy traffic this project would bring. Major roadworks and alterations would also be needed. This would affect access to our home and fields, the movement of sheep and other animals, gates and farm entrances, and the safety of everyone who uses the road. There are few places to pass, and we are worried about damage to the road, early-morning activity, dust, noise and a long period of disruption.

Noise, shadow flicker and property

Living this close to the development, turbine noise and shadow flicker are serious concerns. This is normally a very quiet area, particularly at night. The turbines would operate day and night, and repeated noise or flashing shadow could affect the ordinary use of our home, garden and land.

We have worked hard all our lives to maintain our home and farm. We are concerned that 13 very large turbines and the other industrial structures so close to us would make our home and site less attractive and could reduce their value. For a family with roots going back generations, that is a real and personal concern.

Peatland, water and Blacksod Bay

The proposed works would take place across blanket bog. In RWE own documents identify blanket bog on the site under Annex I Habitat Code 7130. Tristia Bog NHA, Site Code 001566, is also part of the wider bog landscape. Roads, foundations, cable trenches, drains, the battery compound and the substation would all cut into or place pressure on the peat. This can change drainage, disturb the bog and allow silt and peat to enter nearby drains and streams.

We are very concerned about what could travel from the site towards Blacksod Bay. Blacksod Bay/Broad Haven SPA, Site Code 004037, is a European protected area for birds, and the Mullet/Blacksod Bay Complex SAC, Site Code 000470, is also nearby. With the level of rainfall in Erris, disturbed peat, silt, fuel, concrete residue or other pollution could be carried downstream. These protected waters and habitats should not be put at risk.

Wildlife we know from living here

Over the years we have seen red deer, barn owls and otters in the area. We have also heard the corncrake calling around the Grassmeale Road. These are our own observations from living and farming here, not simply names taken from a report. The construction, traffic, lighting, drainage and loss of quiet could affect the places these animals and birds use for feeding, shelter and movement.

BESS, substation and other works

The application is not only for turbines. It also includes a large Battery Energy Storage System with around 120 battery containers and 15 inverter containers, together with a 110kV substation, roads, compounds and cabling. These would add more traffic, lighting, noise and industrial structures. We are also concerned about battery fire, emergency access, contaminated firefighting water and the effect of long-term lighting and noise on nearby homes, livestock and wildlife.

Conclusion

Mount Jubilee has been our family's home for generations. We have reared our family here, farmed the land. The turbines, BESS, substation, major roadworks and construction traffic would permanently change the area and would be far too close to homes and farms.

The risks to our quality of life, property, farm, peatland, water and wildlife are too serious. We do not believe this development should go ahead. For all of these reasons, we respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully,

Joe & Jacky Lindsay