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An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Re: Observation on Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development (Case Ref: PAX16.324387)

A Chara,

My name is John Reilly. I have lived in Geesala my whole life, and my family home overlooks the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm site from every angle. I am writing to object to this development, and I want to be direct about why.

There is no getting away from this development for me. Wherever I look from our home, I will see it. Turbines proposed at up to 180 metres to blade tip are not a small addition to a landscape like this. They will dominate the view from my home for the rest of my life, and I believe that will affect the value of my property as a direct result.

This area also supports wildlife that I have lived alongside my whole life, and it sits close to Blacksod Bay, which is a protected site for good reason. Construction of this scale on the peatland here puts both at real risk. I do not believe that risk has been properly weighed against the benefit of putting turbines on this particular piece of ground, when other, less sensitive sites exist elsewhere in the country.

On that point, I understand that Mayo County Council's own Renewable Energy Strategy, adopted only last week, has assessed this type of peatland and found it unsuitable for wind energy development, due to the damage that construction on deep, waterlogged bog can cause to carbon storage, water quality and the surrounding environment. That is not my opinion. That is the council's own conclusion, reached independently of this application, and I would ask the Board to take it seriously.

I am not against renewable energy, and I accept the country needs it. But I am firmly against this site being used for it, given what it would do to our property, to the wildlife here, and to a protected bay, when better alternatives exist.

For the reasons set out above, I firmly request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

John Reilly
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