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FORMAL OBSERVATION AGAINST APPLICATION 324387

To Whom It May Concern,

We, Joesphine, Sadie and Martin Ruddy wish to make an observation against the proposed Wind Farm development in Muingmore, County Mayo – An Coimisiun Pleanala Reference 324387.

We were born and raised in the beautiful scenic village of Muingmore County Mayo where our family home has stood for nearly a century. In this time members of our family worked the land, fished the seas, maintained the commonage and looked after our animals on family lands in all within 1000m of our home. Our family home is located at Eir Code F26 XC91 and the proposed wind farm would be located within 1km of our home.

As we approach the later stages of life, our home in Muingmore has become a sanctuary for rest, refuge and relaxation. The construction of this wind farm will result in a reduced quality of life for us together with increased stress, anxiety and sleep disturbance.

Within our family we have members who suffer from light sensitivity and are prone to epileptic seizures. We are deeply concerned that the light flicker effect caused by the wind turbines will enhance the occurrence of such events for these young members of our family. It must be remembered that the rural location of Muingmore means that the closest hospital to us is over 1 hour away and it is difficult to comprehend what having to wait for an ambulance and then making that journey as a result of the wind farm light flicker will do to these individuals in the long term.

The local roads do not have the adequate strength, capacity or turning splays to allow for access to the site for the delivery and installation of such structures.

Mayo Council local housing policy RHO 4 clearly states that in coastal areas and lakeshores and within area along scenic routes with designated scenic views that any development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of the area. The proposed sitting of the wind farm is along the Wild Atlantic way in an area of extreme natural beauty, and the construction of this wind farm will destroy the scenic nature of the entire local area from Geesala, Doolough, Muingmore Shrah and beyond.

In order to facilitate the construction of this wind farm, an extremely large area of woodland will have to be felled resulting in a catastrophic environmental impact to wildlife, birds and animals who use the woodland as their natural habitat.

The site is located in natural peat bogland and as a result the poor sub soil and strata will mean that there is a genuine risk of ground vibration given the size of the turbines. These vibrations could cause subsidence to local homes and infrastructure.

The proposed development has an extremely large battery storage capacity which indicates that this initial 13 wind turbines is part of a larger scheme, something that would decimate the entire local area.

We whole heartedly object to the proposed wind farm for the reasons stated above and we hope that our observation is reviewed with compassion and understanding for the utter devastation such a development will cause to a place we are proud to call home.

Many Thanks

Joesphine, Sadie and Martin Ruddy

Muingmore.