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

A Chara,

I am writing to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm. I was born in Kiltane and live here in the Geesala village, where I have lived for the last 42 years, in direct line of sight of the proposed site.

Standing outside in my garden is something I do for my own mental health, and I am concerned about what constant noise and shadow flicker from turbines this close would do to that. My daughter also has sensitive hearing and already suffers from headaches caused by noise — I am genuinely worried that the turbines would make this worse and affect her health further.

We also have a family farm in Mount Jubilee, and I am concerned about the impact on the wild animals there, including the birds and geese that constantly fly over our land — their flight path would be severely affected by turbines of this scale. Blacksod Bay itself is a protected site, home to internationally significant wintering bird populations, and I don't think the risk to that wildlife has been properly weighed. On top of that, I believe the value of our property in Mount Jubilee will be affected negatively by this development.

Geesala as a village would not survive without the hotel and the tourists it draws to the area — that trade is the backbone of our local economy. Turbines of up to 180 metres to blade tip, visible across the village, put that draw at real risk, and I don't think enough thought has gone into what that would mean for the people who depend on it here.

I would also note that Mayo County Council adopted its Renewable Energy Strategy only the week before this letter, and in it the Council identifies peatland sites like this one as

unsuitable for wind energy development, given the risks that construction on deep, waterlogged bog poses to carbon storage, water quality, and the surrounding environment. That is the Council's own considered judgement, reached independently of this application, and it is hard to understand how this development can go ahead here in light of it.

I want to be clear that I support renewable energy in principle. My objection is not to wind energy itself, but to this development being sited here, so close to our village, our farm, and our family's health.

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

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

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