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To: The Secretary

An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Case Reference: PAX16.324387

Re: Objection to RWE Proposed Muingmore Wind Turbine Project in Muingmore and Surrounding Communities, County Mayo

Dear Planning Authority,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Turbine Project on grounds of significant negative impacts on wildlife, heritage sites, endangered bird species, and the human population. Often projects of this nature are taken on, when we don't fully know the health and environmental implications.

We should consider the socio-economic disadvantages this will impose on the small town of Muingmore and surrounding communities.

The first concern is the visual intrusion. Our small towns pride themselves on their natural beauty and scenic landscapes, which attract tourists and contribute to the local economy. The county is seeing an increase in tourist opportunities, with Carne making Golf Digest's Top 100 golf courses in the world, among other things. The presence of 13 large wind turbines will detract from these picturesque views, dissuading visitors and impacting the tourism industry that plays a vital role in our economic stability.

This is not just about looks. The construction will damage the environment. Rare bird species like Curlew, Ringed Plover, and the great yellow bumblebee—all EU red-listed protected species will lose their habitat.

The roads in this area are narrow and rural. They cannot handle the heavy construction traffic needed for turbines, substations, and power lines. This will create dangerous conditions for locals and visitors. Property values will decline when industrial turbines dominate the horizon. Families who have lived here for generations will see their homes devalued.

In conclusion, the construction and operation of this wind turbine project in Muingmore will bring significant socio-economic disadvantages to our small town. The visual intrusion, potential impacts

on tourism and agriculture, decline in property values, and the diversion of resources from sustainable local initiatives are valid concerns that must be given due consideration.

It is crucial that we carefully assess the long-term implications of this project and explore alternative solutions that prioritise the economic vitality and well-being of Muingmore and surrounding villages, towns, and residents.

Together, let us work towards a sustainable future that not only addresses our energy needs but also safeguards the biodiversity and ecological integrity of our cherished habitats.

Thank you for considering this objection. I trust that you will take into account the concerns raised by all concerned residents and stakeholders within this region before granting any planning permission for the proposed wind turbine project.

Yours sincerely,

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