

The Secretary

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Observation on the Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm

Case Reference: PAX16.324387

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm and ask that planning permission be refused.

My daughter and grandchildren live in Mount Jubilee, close to the proposed site. I visit them regularly, stay overnight and often go there to babysit. I know the area well and I was shocked when I learned the size of this proposal.

Thirteen turbines reaching almost 180 metres would completely change the landscape around their home. The battery storage compound, substation, roads and grid connection works would add even more industrial development.

I am very concerned about noise. My daughter and grandchildren would live with it every day, and I would also experience it when I visit or stay overnight. It could affect time spent indoors, sitting outside and trying to sleep.

Shadow flicker is another serious concern. It could affect the house, windows and garden. My daughter and grandchildren should not have to close blinds or avoid parts of their home because of moving shadows from turbine blades.

I enjoy sitting outside when I visit. It is part of the time I spend with my family. Turbine noise, shadow flicker and the sight of huge structures nearby would change that completely.

The construction traffic also worries me. I travel the local roads every time I visit Mount Jubilee. They are narrow, with bends and very little room to pass. I do not know how ordinary drivers will safely meet large construction vehicles, concrete lorries and abnormal loads.

I may need to travel there at short notice to babysit or help my daughter. Road closures, delays and heavy vehicles would make those journeys more difficult. The same roads are used by school buses, families, farmers and older drivers.

I also use the roads affected by the proposed grid connection when travelling towards Ballina. The roadworks, construction traffic and disruption would affect journeys I make myself.

The development would also affect me at my own home in Belmullet, approximately 15 kilometres from the site. I would still be able to see the turbines from my window.

My house is included in the photomontages prepared by the developer. This shows that the visual impact would extend far beyond Mount Jubilee and the homes closest to the site.

The view from my home would change in a major way. Thirteen turbines of this height would be clearly visible across the landscape. Living 15 kilometres away does not remove the effect when structures of this scale can still be seen from my own house.

My grandchildren should be able to enjoy their home, garden and local area without living beside a development of this size. I should also be able to visit them, stay overnight and travel the local roads without facing years of disruption.

This proposal would affect my daughter and grandchildren at their home. It would also affect me when I visit Mount Jubilee, when I travel the roads and when I look out from my own house in Belmullet.

For these reasons, I ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse planning permission.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Conroy