

Observation on Strategic Infrastructure Development Application

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I respectfully object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.

I was born and raised in this area and come from a family of six siblings with deep roots in the Erris community. Although I no longer live here permanently, our family home has remained at the heart of our lives for generations.

Our mother lived in this house until she was 104 years of age and sadly passed away nine years ago. Throughout her lifetime, the house was always a place where family gathered, and that tradition continues today. It is much more than a holiday home; it is our family home and an important link to our heritage, our memories and our connection with County Mayo but more specifically the Geesala/Dooyork area.

Our extended family continues to return to the area throughout the year, not just during the summer months. Family members regularly travel from Dublin, Cork and other parts of Ireland to spend time here. Members of our family living in Australia return at least once every year, while their children and wider family visit every second or third year and have now started bringing their own children to experience the area. It is important to us that future generations understand where their family comes from and have the opportunity to enjoy the heritage, spectacular scenery and unique beauty that have always drawn us back to this special place.

One of the greatest attractions of this area is its outstanding natural environment. The dramatic Atlantic coastline, the beaches, the blanket bogs and the open landscape, together with the peace and sense of escape found in the Geesala and Dooyork area, are what draw our family back year after year. These are the qualities that make this part of County Mayo so special and provide a welcome contrast to the busy cities where many of us now live.

I fully appreciate the importance of developing sustainable sources of energy for the future. However, I also believe that careful consideration must be given to where developments of this scale are located. In my view, the unique landscape, environmental value and special character of the Erris Peninsula make this an inappropriate location for industrial-scale wind turbines.

I am also concerned about the potential impact on the area's biodiversity, including its extensive blanket bog habitats, wildlife and natural environment. The unique landscape of Erris supports not only local communities but also tourism, with many visitors choosing the area because of its unspoilt scenery and peaceful surroundings. Protecting these natural assets is essential for future generations.

I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to carefully consider the cumulative impact that developments of this scale may have on the landscape, tourism, biodiversity and the unique character of the Erris Peninsula.

The Geesala/ Dooyork area has always been at the heart of our family. Returning here is not simply a holiday, its returning to our roots. It is where we return to celebrate, remember and spend time together across generations. My hope is that future generations of our family will continue to experience the same sense of belonging, the same breathtaking scenery and the same connection with nature that have made this place so important to us for many decades.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that permission for the proposed development be refused.