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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 here and have lived in this area most of my life. Our home is on the coastline, in direct line of sight of the proposed site.

I have mobility issues and am confined to bed. The surroundings I live in are beautiful, and they are what I have — the view from my window would be hugely disrupted and, in truth, destroyed by turbines standing right in front of us.

I don't mow my lawn, simply to keep the bee population in the area alive. We have corncrakes here too, and rabbits, foxes, and herons that visit us regularly — all of this would be affected by a development of this scale, so close to Blacksod Bay and the wildlife it supports.

The value of our property rests on the view we have, and that would be badly damaged by this development. Tourism is also part of our local economy every year, and we depend on it. On top of that, I am concerned about the structural damage a project like this would do to our local road network — a cost our county should not have to bear — and yet we would see no reduction whatsoever in our own electricity costs, despite having these turbines on our doorstep.

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, right in front of our home and our community.

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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