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

A Chara,

My name is Mary Ellen Leneghan. My family home is in Muingmore, Geesala, and has been in our family for generations. I am writing to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm, which would be built on the site my house looks directly out on.

This is not a distant or theoretical concern for me. I would be looking at this development every single day, from my own front door, for the rest of my life. The scale of what is proposed, and how close it sits to where I live, has caused a huge amount of worry in our house.

One of my biggest concerns is the ground itself. From what I understand, the peat in this location is extremely deep, in places as much as 200 feet. Disturbing peat of that depth on this scale is not something that can be undone, and I do not believe enough attention has been paid to what that means for a site like this.

Connected to that is my worry about our rivers. The rivers bordering this site all flow down into Blacksod Bay. If peat and silt from construction get into those rivers, and I don't see how they wouldn't, that pollution goes straight into the bay. Blacksod Bay is pristine, and it supports both our fishing and our tourism, two things this area genuinely depends on. Damaging that water would be a very hard thing to come back from.

This area is also home to a great deal of wildlife that would be put at risk. I regularly see Barn Owl, Kestrel, Heron, Cuckoo and Corncrake in and around this site, and it lies on the route used by migrating swans. There are also native lizards on the site itself. All of this would be disturbed, or lost, by a development on this scale.

I am also concerned about the roads. There is no proper road here that could safely take the volume of construction traffic a project like this would bring, let alone the ongoing traffic for maintenance over the years that would follow.

On top of all this, our house is well within the shadow flicker zone for the proposed turbines. We are extremely worried about what that would mean for our day to day life, in our own home, for years to come.

I understand that Mayo County Council's own Renewable Energy Strategy, adopted only last week, has identified peatland of this kind as unsuitable for wind energy development, given the damage that construction on deep bog can do to carbon storage, water quality and the

surrounding environment. That is the council's own considered judgement, reached independently of this application, and I find it very hard to see how this development can be reconciled with it.

I want to be clear that I have nothing against renewable energy, and I understand the importance of it for the country. But this site, this close to my home, on peat this deep, and this close to Blacksod Bay, is not the right place for it.

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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