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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 in Geesala, and although my work now takes me to San Francisco for periods of the year, this is home. Access to the beach and swimming in the sea where I live is of huge value to my health, and it is what I look forward to most whenever I return for the considerable periods I spend here each year.

Our home is on the coastline, directly opposite the proposed site. Turbines of up to 180 metres to blade tip would stand directly across from us, permanently changing the outlook I have returned to my whole life.

Geesala and its surrounds are a tourist destination, and that has to be preserved — it brings money into our local community and economy every year. A development on this scale, so visible from the coast, puts that at real risk, along with the value of properties like ours that depend on the setting.

Blacksod Bay is a heritage site with EU-protected elements, including sea moss that has grown there for centuries, and I don't believe the danger to it has been properly considered. We go to real lengths locally to encourage bees and protect the environment here, and structures of this scale, built at enormous infrastructural cost, would cause long-term damage to all of that wildlife — bees, birds, swans, and geese included. This is a project with a lifespan of 35 years; the harm would not be temporary.

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 directly opposite our coastline and the community it would affect.

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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