

An Coimisiún Pleanála

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CASE REFERENCE: PAX16. 324387

Re: Proposed development of Muingmore Wind Farm — 13 wind turbines, 110kV substation, battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure, townlands of Muingmore, Doolough, Tristia, Moneynierin and Bangor, County Mayo. Applicant: RWE Renewables Ireland Limited.

A Chara,

I wish to submit the following observation in respect of the above-named planning application, in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

1. MY DETAILS

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2. SUBJECT MATTER AND OBSERVATION

This submission relates to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development of the area, and (ii) the likely effects on the environment and on European protected sites arising from the proposed development.

I am a resident of the area and live within direct sight of the proposed wind farm development. I have significant concerns regarding the potential noise pollution associated with the project, as well as its impact on the area's sensitive natural environment and protected habitats.

The operation of large wind turbines has the potential to me and the neighbouring residents, enjoyment of their homes, their peace and quiet, and their overall quality of life. This is a tranquil rural area, and the introduction of industrial-scale turbines, rotating blades, mechanical noise, and associated lighting would fundamentally alter the character and visual amenity of the landscape.

I would also like to highlight what I believe is an inconsistency in the level of regulatory scrutiny applied to local community activities compared to large-scale commercial developments. As a volunteer involved in an annual local agricultural and community festival, I am required to obtain extensive habitat surveys, environmental assessments, and permissions from agencies such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service are required simply to use a field for parking for a one-day event. By contrast, it appears that a major commercial development of this scale is being advanced despite substantial concerns being raised by local residents regarding environmental impacts, public safety, and the long-term effects on the area.

Also, from a recent property valuation undertaken at my property it has been noted that my property will be considerably reduced in value along with the implication of the unlikely approval of planning permission for future generations due to the close proximity to the windfarm development.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the local community, landscape, and environment.

3. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

Mary Murphy

Signature / Print Full Name

Date 04-07-2026