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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Re: Objection Submission to the Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Strategic Infrastructure Development
Case reference: PAX16.324387

Re: Planning permission for the construction of a wind farm by RWE Renewables Ireland, consisting of 13 wind turbines with a capacity of up to 86MW. It would be located within the townlands of Muingmore (An Mhoing Mhór), Doolough (Dumha Locha), Tristia (Troiste), Moneynierin (Moing an Iarainn) and Bangor (Baingear), County Mayo. (www.muingmoresid.ie)

Planning Authority: Mayo County Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of Mayo Defective Concrete Action Group, a community group representing 632 members across County Mayo, to formally lodge our objection to this Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

1. Impact on Property Values Already Affected by Defective Concrete

This wind farm will directly impact property values in the Erris area. Homes and buildings in Erris have for decades been affected by defective concrete made from aggregates containing framboidal pyrite in foundations and blocks. This is of particular concern for homes in the vicinity of this proposed wind farm, including properties already remediated through the Defective Concrete Block scheme. Property values in Erris have already been severely diminished by pyrite. Many homeowners cannot access the grant scheme to have properties demolished and rebuilt, and those who can are left with a shortfall of tens of thousands of euro in build costs, with real uncertainty remaining over reinstatement of property value due to Housing Agency engineering decisions recommending retention of potentially defective concrete foundations.

Imposing a wind farm development in a residential area already blighted by this crisis is unacceptable, as it would directly and further impact home values for all Erris residents. Petrolab UK estimate the cleanup of defective concrete in Ireland is likely to take 100 years. We will not stand by and see people trapped in valueless properties they have invested their lives in — first because of defective concrete caused by a lack of government regulation, and now because of this proposed inappropriate development.

2. Lack of Confidence in Aggregate Quality Control for Concrete Used in Construction

We have no confidence in the market surveillance and quality control of aggregates for concrete in Ireland, and note the poor application of the relevant EU Standards (EN 12620:2002+A1:2008 and EN 1744-1:2009+A1:2012) that has contributed to this national crisis.

We are particularly concerned about the volume of concrete required for the wind turbine bases and associated infrastructure proposed for this development. The sourcing of all aggregate for concrete to be used in this wind farm, together with detailed petrography testing and analysis results, must be made available immediately to safeguard the public from potential future incidents arising from defective concrete use in these structures. Given the continued absence of transparency and accountability from the concrete industry in Ireland, we oppose this development on grounds of public safety.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, Mayo Defective Concrete Action Group formally objects to the granting of permission for the Muingmore Wind Farm and requests that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse this application.

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

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