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Case Number: PAX16.342387

I am strongly objecting to the development of a wind farm associated with the above case number. I have several reasons for objecting to the development.

1). I have a daughter who is currently nursing in the UK. It was her plan to return home in the summer of 2027. She is now reconsidering this move because of the wind farm. I own land adjacent to the wind farm. My daughter was considering building on some part of my land. If the windfarm goes ahead, she will find it very difficult to get planning permission. However, with all the negative impacts such a development would have on homes in the area she is seriously reconsidering not moving to the area at all.

2). My eldest son is currently working in Galway. His plans were to move back to Geesala in the next 8-10 years and take over the family farm which I was delighted for him to do. He had begun planning for this move by investing in improvements in the farm infrastructure. For example, planning has been lodged with mayo county council for improved cattle housing. Like my daughter, he is now reconsidering the move. With the effects on the environment and health in the locality of these large-scale wind farms he feels further investment in the farm may not be a viable option.

Should this windfarm development go ahead it will deprive my family of living and rearing families of their own in the area they themselves call home.

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