

Observation Submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development

Case Reference: PAX16.324387

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Formal Observation and Objection to the Proposed Muingmore Wind Farm Development

Dear An Coimisiún Pleanála,

I wish to submit this formal observation and objection to the proposed **Muingmore Wind Farm Development (Case Reference PAX16.324387)**.

I am the owner and resident of **Tristia Cottage, Mount Jubilee, Bangor Erris**, a place that is not simply a house or an address, but a home deeply connected to my family, my memories, and the landscape that has shaped our lives.

I am the occupant of Receptor 47 identified within the applicant's shadow flicker assessment. My property is located approximately **712.54 metres from the proposed location of Turbine 12**, meaning that I am a directly affected resident whose home, surroundings, residential amenity and enjoyment of this special place will be directly impacted by this development.

I fully understand the importance of renewable energy and the need to consider future energy requirements. However, I believe that developments of this scale must be carefully balanced against the protection of the communities, landscapes, habitats and heritage that make places such as Erris unique.

My concerns are not based on a general objection to wind energy. They are based on the specific and personal impact that this proposal will have on my home, my family, and the environment that has been treasured by generations before us.

I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála carefully considers the concerns outlined in this observation and either refuses permission for this development or requires that all significant impacts are fully, independently and transparently assessed before any decision is made.

Direct Personal Impact – Mount Jubilee and Turbine 12

Unlike a general observation, my submission relates specifically to the direct relationship between my home at Mount Jubilee and the proposed location of Turbine 12.

For many years, Mount Jubilee has been a place of peace, natural beauty and connection with the landscape. It is where my family has created memories, where our children have grown up experiencing the freedom and beauty of rural Mayo, and where my grandchildren now come to visit and enjoy the same surroundings.

The countryside surrounding Mount Jubilee has provided them with something increasingly rare — the opportunity to experience open spaces, wildlife, dark skies, quiet roads, nature and the simple pleasures of a rural childhood.

As a grandparent, I want my grandchildren to experience the same sense of place, freedom and connection to nature that my children and I experienced. I want them to walk these landscapes, enjoy the wildlife, appreciate the tranquillity and understand the importance of protecting the natural environment around them.

The proposed location of Turbine 12, approximately **712.54 metres from my home**, represents a significant change to that environment.

A turbine of approximately **180 metres in height** would become a dominant feature within the immediate landscape surrounding my home and would permanently alter the relationship between my property and the countryside that surrounds it.

The assessment of this impact must consider:

- The unique location and orientation of my property.
- Views from my home and living spaces
- The effect on my home – front wall of my home as large, heavy vehicles are present and using our roads.
- Views from gardens and outdoor areas where my family gathers.
- The existing tranquillity and rural character of Mount Jubilee.
- The impact of introducing a large industrial structure into this sensitive landscape.

This is not an abstract concern. This is about the direct impact on a home, a family and a place that has been valued and cared for over generations.

Visual Impact, Landscape Character and Loss of Rural Amenity

Erris is a landscape of extraordinary character. Its open boglands, Atlantic skies, wildlife, coastal environment and sense of remoteness are part of what makes this area special.

The landscape around Mount Jubilee is not simply an empty space. It is a living environment where people reside, families gather, wildlife thrives and communities have developed a strong connection with the land.

The introduction of thirteen industrial-scale turbines, including structures reaching approximately 180 metres in height, together with associated infrastructure, would represent a permanent transformation of this landscape.

For those of us who live here, this landscape provides more than a view. It provides a sense of peace, identity, belonging and connection.

The concern is that the proposed development would change the character of this place forever and would diminish the very qualities that make Erris special.

The visual impact must consider:

- Views from homes and gardens.
- Views along local roads.
- The experience of walkers and visitors.
- The effect on the open Atlantic landscape.
- The cumulative impact of existing and proposed energy developments.

Tourism, Community and Future Generations

Erris has long been recognised for its natural beauty, wild Atlantic landscape, dark skies, wildlife and peaceful rural character.

People visit this area because of what remains here — the open spaces, the untouched landscapes, the sense of wilderness and the connection to nature.

People also choose to live here because of these same qualities.

My concern is that developments of this scale risk changing the identity of this area from a peaceful rural landscape into an industrialised energy landscape.

This is not only about the present generation. It is about the legacy we leave behind.

Like many families in this area, we want future generations to experience the same countryside, wildlife, traditions and sense of community that have been enjoyed for many years.

My grandchildren visit Mount Jubilee because of what this place represents. They come to experience the outdoors, the landscape, the wildlife and the freedom of rural life. These experiences are part of their childhood memories and part of our family story.

I respectfully ask that the long-term impact of this development on future generations is given serious consideration.

Conclusion

I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála gives full and careful consideration to:

- The direct impact on my home at Mount Jubilee and Turbine 12.
- The loss of residential amenity and rural tranquillity.
- Shadow flicker and noise impacts.
- Visual impact and landscape change.
- Property value concerns.
- The protection of peatlands, habitats, wildlife and European protected sites.
- The impact on the cultural identity and future of the Erris community.

Mount Jubilee is more than a location on a map. It is our home, our family place and part of a landscape that has shaped generations of our family.

The decisions made today will affect not only those living here now, but also the generations who will inherit this landscape in the future.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that permission for the proposed **Muingmore Wind Farm Development** is refused.

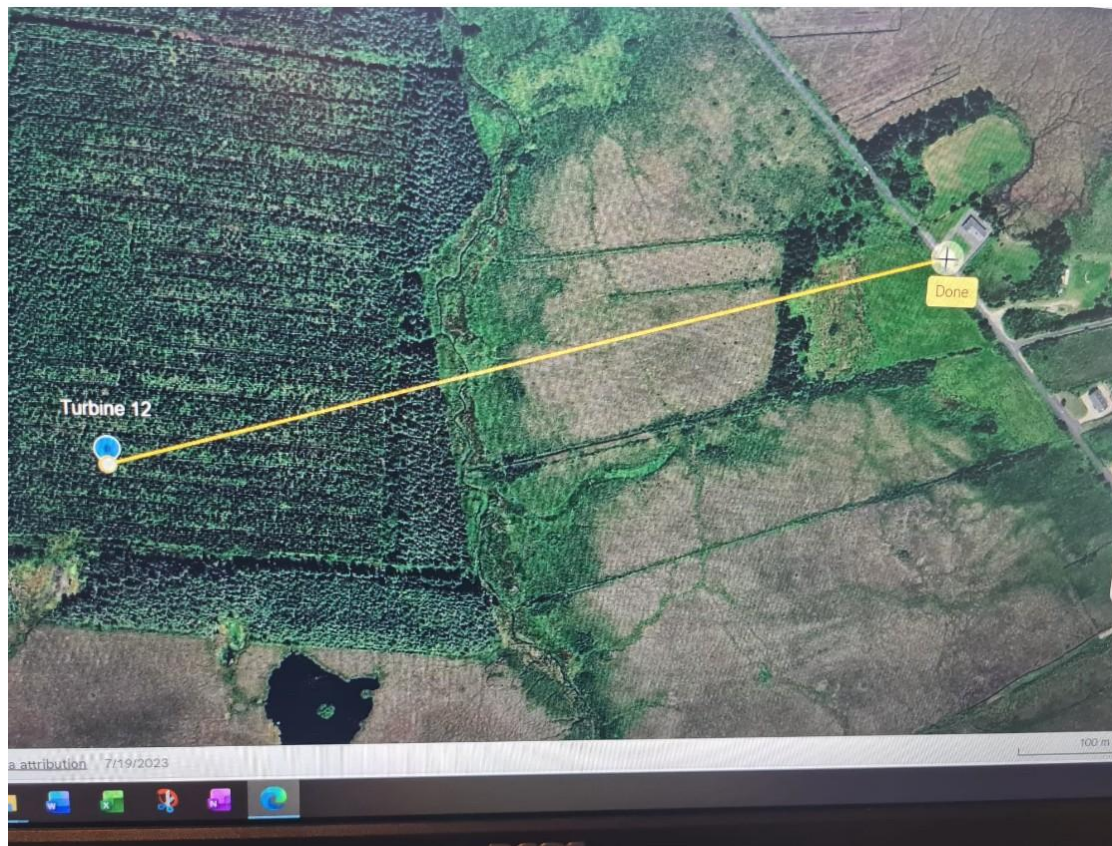
Yours faithfully,

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Appendices:

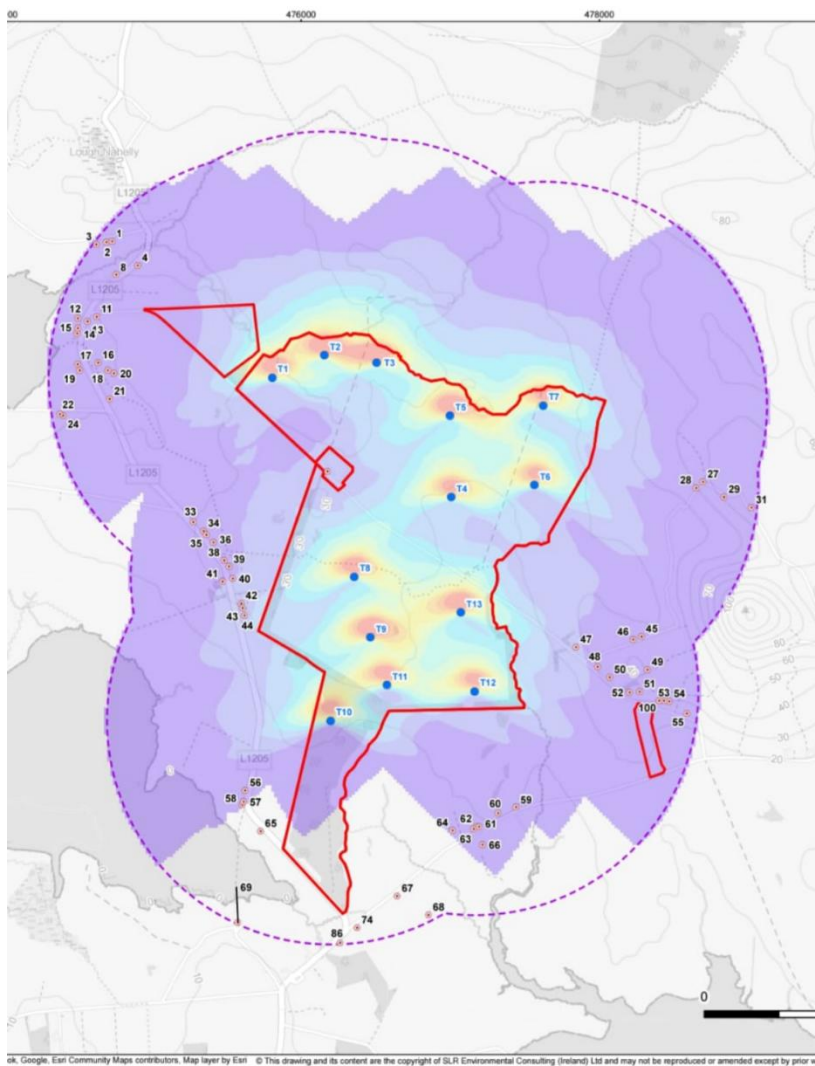
1: Turbine path 12 from our home



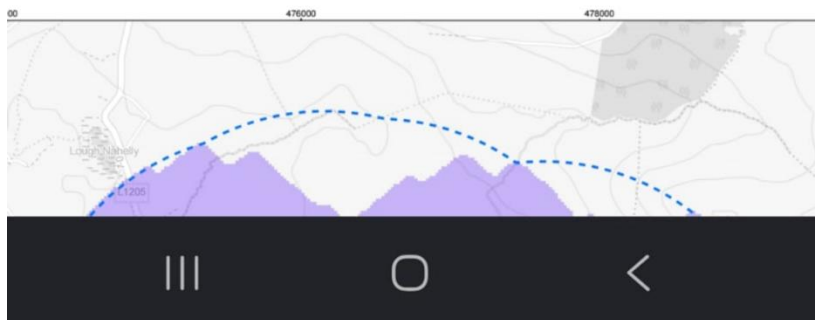
T12 to Peter Gaughan

2: Shadow flicker assessment from the applicant

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3: Distance from home to nearest turbine:

