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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,

My name is Patrick Carty and I am writing to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm.

My first and most basic question is how a development of this size can even be considered for this location. This site sits in the middle of four surrounding villages. This is not an isolated stretch of land far from people, it is land that is genuinely encircled by communities, homes and families. A project of this scale, with turbines up to 180 metres to blade tip, would loom over every one of those villages at once. I do not understand how a site with that many communities in such close proximity around it was ever considered suitable ground for a development like this.

I am also seriously concerned about the impact on wildlife in this area. This is a part of Mayo that has remained largely undisturbed, and construction on this scale, on deep peatland, would put habitats and species at real risk that this community has lived alongside for generations.

I understand that Mayo County Council's own Renewable Energy Strategy, adopted only last week, has identified peatland such as this as unsuitable for wind energy development, because of the damage that construction on deep, waterlogged bog can do to carbon storage, water quality and the surrounding environment. That is the council's own considered judgement, and I believe it should carry serious weight with the Board, particularly given how many communities surround this site.

I want to be clear that I am not against renewable energy. I simply believe a site surrounded by this many villages, and home to wildlife this community values, is not the right place for a project of this scale.

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,

Patrick Carty
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