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Re: 324308 – Muingmore Wind Farm

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm.

I own a property in Dooyork which I currently use as a holiday home for myself and my extended family, and am planning to retire to it. I am concerned about the long-term impact that this development could have on the future of the wider Doolough, Dooyork and Geesala area.

This part of north-west Mayo faces significant economic and demographic challenges. Local services continue to decline, with the closure of the post office in Geesala being only the latest example of the difficulties facing the community. The area needs investment, population growth and growing sustainable economic activity if it is to remain a thriving place to live. Damaging property values will hurt that aim.

It is particularly important that the hollowing out of the local economy is reversed. In my view, the area's greatest long-term economic asset is its landscape and natural environment. The wild and largely undeveloped character of Doolough and the 'Wild Atlantic Way' coastline attracts visitors, supports tourism businesses, and could encourage second-home ownership (which increases tourism capacity in the area) and helps sustain the local economy.

The natural beauty of the area is likely to attract many new families as the nature of work and online connectivity changes – but only if that beauty is not damaged. These qualities are increasingly important as traditional services and employment opportunities decline.

I strongly support renewable energy in principle, But I also do not believe that every location is equally suitable for large-scale wind energy development. Areas such as north-west Mayo, whose future economic prospects depend heavily on attracting visitors and investment through their landscape and environmental qualities, should be treated with particular care.

The proposed turbines would introduce a substantial industrial development into a landscape that is central to the area's tourism appeal and sense of place. I am concerned that this could undermine efforts to build a more sustainable future for communities such as Dooyork, Doohoma, Geesala, and surrounding areas as well as the immediate vicinity of the proposed turbines.

I therefore ask that full consideration be given to the potential impact of the proposal on tourism, landscape character, residential amenity and the long-term economic development of the area, and that permission be refused. The area needs a very different type of investment to attract new residents and tourism.

Yours sincerely



Paul Evans