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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development under Planning Reference PAX16.324387 / ACP-324387-26.

County Mayo is far more than just a holiday destination to me. Every August, I spend time there with my four children, and it has become a place filled with treasured family memories. We return year after year because of its breathtaking scenery, peaceful atmosphere and unspoilt landscape.

Members of my family also live in the area, making this proposal deeply personal to us.

While I recognise and support the need for renewable energy and action to address climate change, I believe this development is proposed in an exceptionally sensitive location where the environmental, visual and community impacts would outweigh the benefits.

The rugged mountains, wild Atlantic coastline, open bogland and sense of remoteness are what make this part of County Mayo so unique. The introduction of 13 industrial-scale wind turbines, together with a substation, battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure, would significantly alter the character of this beautiful landscape. Once this landscape is changed, it cannot easily be restored.

I am also deeply concerned about the potential impact on local wildlife and habitats. This area supports a rich variety of birds, protected species and fragile ecosystems. The planning process should ensure that these habitats are protected and that any risks to biodiversity are carefully considered before such a significant development is permitted.

Tourism is one of County Mayo's greatest strengths. Visitors from across Ireland and overseas travel to experience its natural beauty, tranquillity and spectacular scenery. My own family contributes to the local economy every year through our holidays. I believe developments of this scale could diminish the qualities that attract visitors and support local businesses.

I am equally concerned about the impact on residents who live close to the proposed development, including members of my own family. The peaceful environment is one of the defining features of this area. I ask that careful consideration be given to the potential effects of turbine noise, shadow flicker, aviation lighting and the overall change to residential amenity. Even where planning standards are met, these factors can affect people's enjoyment of their homes, their sleep and their overall quality of life.

I also have concerns about the cumulative impact of this development. The scale of the turbines and associated infrastructure would industrialise an area that is currently valued for its natural beauty, tranquillity and cultural heritage. Future generations should have the opportunity to experience County Mayo as it is today.

I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to carefully consider the long-term consequences of this proposal, not only for the landscape and wildlife, but also for the local community, tourism, and the families who live in and cherish this remarkable part of Ireland.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that permission for this proposal be refused and that alternative locations for renewable energy development be considered where impacts on landscapes of exceptional natural beauty and local communities would be significantly reduced.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Lindsay