

An Coimisiún Pleanála
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CASE REFERENCE 324387

Re: Proposed development of Muingmore Wind Farm — 13 wind turbines, 110kV substation, battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure, townlands of Muingmore, Doolough, Tristia, Moneynierin and Bangor, County Mayo.
Applicant: RWE Renewables Ireland Limited.[con-telegraph](#)

A Chara,

I wish to submit the following observation in respect of the above-named planning application, in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).[con-telegraph](#)

1. My details

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2. Subject matter and observation

This submission relates to: (i) the implications of the proposed development for the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, and (ii) the likely effects on the environment and on European protected sites arising from the proposed development.

I was born in Belmullet and have lived in this area all my life. My roots here run deep, and I feel a strong responsibility to stand up for the people and the rural communities who call this place home. Their home lives should not be disrupted by industrial-scale turbines, imposed on them without any real say before the planning application was lodged by the developer.

These turbines are enormous structures, completely out of scale with our landscape, and I have a serious objection to our local scenery being dominated and disfigured in this way. This place is not just a backdrop; it is where people live, work, and raise their families, and where generations, including my own, have built their lives.

My family also owns a farm in Faulmore, Blacksod, one of the most beautiful and unspoilt coastal areas on the west coast of Ireland, lying alongside the European

protected waters of Blacksod Bay. Any development that disrupts the natural ground and bog life around our farm risks destroying the delicate balance of this landscape and the habitats that depend on it. Once that damage is done, it cannot easily be undone.

This area is a valued tourism destination, attracting visitors who come precisely for its wild, open scenery, its tranquillity and its unspoilt coastline. Tourism linked to Blacksod Bay, Achill, the Inniskea Islands and the surrounding area will be harmed by the presence of a large industrial wind farm, as many visitors will be deterred by the visual and environmental impact of these turbines on the landscape they travel here to experience.

I understand that Mayo County Council's own Renewable Energy Strategy identifies peatland areas as highly sensitive and seeks to guide renewable energy development in a way that protects the environment for future generations. Peatland sites such as this are recognised as unsuitable for wind energy development because of the damage that construction on deep peat can cause to carbon storage, water quality and the wider environment. If the council's own strategy says this type of land is the wrong place for turbines, I cannot see how this project can be justified here.

I want to be clear that I am not against renewable energy. I fully support Ireland moving away from fossil fuels and playing its part in tackling climate change. However, this proposal is the wrong project in the wrong place. It would place an industrial-scale development on a sensitive peatland landscape and within communities that cannot absorb an intervention of this magnitude without suffering lasting harm to their environment, their livelihoods and their way of life.

3. Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully but firmly request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Muingmore Wind Farm development.

Mise le meas / Yours sincerely,

Sean Conroy

18th July 2026