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FORMAL OBSERVATION AGAINST APPLICATION 324387

To Whom It May Concern,

I Siobhan Cafferkey (nee Ruddy) and my husband Martin, wish to make an observation against the proposed Wind Farm development in Muingmore, County Mayo – An Coimisiun Pleanala Reference 324387.

I, Siobhan was born and raised in the beautiful scenic village of Muingmore County Mayo where our family home has stood for nearly a century. In this time members of our family worked the land, fished the seas, maintained the commonage and looked after our animals on family lands in all within 1000m of our home. Our family home is located at Eir Code F26 XC91 and the proposed wind farm would be located within 1km of our home.

After being forced to emigrate from our home for social and economic reasons, we now return in the later stages of life to our family home in Muingmore not only with a sense of pride for where we were born but as a place for our children and grandchildren to enjoy the unspoilt beauty without fear of towering wind mills hovering over our heads. The construction of this wind farm will result in a reduced quality of life for us together with increased stress, anxiety and sleep disturbance.

Our grandchildren suffer from light and noise sensitivity and as a result the construction on these windmills will render our family home uninhabitable for our grandchildren to spend time here.

In order to facilitate the construction of this wind farm, an extremely large area of woodland will have to be felled resulting in a catastrophic environmental impact to wildlife, birds and animals who use the woodland as their natural habitat.

The local roads do not have the adequate strength, capacity or turning splays to allow for access to the site for the delivery and installation of such structures.

Mayo Council local housing policy RHO 4 clearly states that in coastal areas and lakeshores and within area along scenic routes with designated scenic views that any development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of the area. The proposed sitting of the wind farm is along the Wild Atlantic way in an area of extreme natural beauty, and the construction of this wind farm

will destroy the scenic nature of the entire local area from Geesala, Doolough, Muingmore Shrah and beyond.

The site is located in natural peat bogland and as a result the poor sub soil and strata will mean that there is a genuine risk of ground vibration given the size of the turbines. These vibrations could cause subsidence to local homes and infrastructure.

The proposed development has an extremely large battery storage capacity which indicates that this initial 13 wind turbines is part of a larger scheme, something that would decimate the entire local area.

We whole heartedly object to the proposed wind farm for the reasons stated above and we hope that our observation is reviewed with compassion and understanding for the utter devastation such a development will cause to a place we are proud to call home.

Many Thanks

Siobhan and Martin Cafferkey

Muingmore.