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The Secretary
An Comisiun Pleanála
64, Marlborough Street
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FORMAL OBJECTION LETTER

Dear Sir/Madam

I, Violet Mangan, of Mount Jubilee, formally object to the proposed planning located within the townlands of Muingmore (An Mhoing Mhór), Doolough (Dumha Locha), Tristia (Troiste), Moneynierin (Moing an Iarainn) and Bangor (Baingear) County Mayo, planning reference PAX16.324387 for a development consisting of 13 wind turbines, a 110kV substation, battery energy storage system (BESS) and all associated infrastructure & infrastructure (both temporary & permanent) by RWE.

Effects on local communities

I have been brought up & reside in the immediate area of the proposed development & am very concerned about the effect it would have on our community.

It is a lovely, thriving area, with many people having moved back home since COVID. People enjoy the area because of its tranquillity, scenic views, nature & wildlife. Walking the country roads is often an opportunity for people to catch-up with each other & relax.

Jobs are provided in Geesala & Bangor in the local businesses which are thriving with the influx of tourists the Wild Atlantic Way is attracting. This will all be negatively affected if the windfarm development goes ahead.

Environmental Impacts

Noise pollution - from the turbines & the BESS facility.

Light pollution - from the BESS compound & aviation lighting on the turbines.

Flicker - having seen videos of other properties affected at existing windfarms, I find it alarming & unacceptable that we & other residents in our area would have to endure such a phenomena.

Visual impact - not only from the residential properties but from the beauty/tourist spots such as Shra Beach, Doolough beach & Claggan Island. And further afield from Blacksod, Wild Nephin National Park & Achill amongst many areas.

Peat extraction - this will be devastating for the wildlife, flora & fauna.

Horses - I am also very concerned for the welfare of the wild horses who live in the lands of Muingmore, there has been no mention of them in the EIAR.

Birds - the migratory birds which overwinter within the catchment area of the development site at Blacksod Bay.

Blacksod Bay - is an area of significant importance, designated as an SAC & an SPA

Streams -- small streams run throughout the proposed site & feed into the Blacksod Bay area of the Atlantic Ocean. They are home to otters, which I have been privileged to see.

Contamination - given the heavy machinery that will be required to complete the works there is an alarmingly high risk of contamination from oil, diesel, chemicals etc, which would impact the peatland, streams, Blacksod Bay & wildlife.

What sort of a future will the area hold for myself & other young people?

Lack of consultation

There has been no meaningful, honest engagement with my family or the community over the proposed development. We feel completely ignored & disrespected. It does not give the community any confidence in how RWE will manage the construction if the project is to go ahead.

Health

There is ever growing research to suggest that living within at least 10kms of wind turbines can have detrimental effects on physical & mental health. Enough is not known about infrasound & ground vibration generated by these machines. Noise & light pollution are other negative factors.

Tourism

The area relies heavily on tourism, which in turn provides jobs. Myself & friends currently work locally in hospitality, if there were no tourists, there would be no jobs.

If the views & peacefulness of our area are destroyed, there will be no reason for these tourists to visit. The heavy goods vehicles that will be on the roads will be damaging & disruptive. Many people around the area & tourists alike, enjoy peaceful walks during the day when the roads are quieter, to exercise, relax & unwind, this will not be possible as it would be too dangerous given the volume of traffic which will use these roads to complete the works.

The area under consideration for this development is totally unsuitable.

I am asking An Comisiun Pleanala to please preserve our beautiful area & refuse permission to RWE for the planning of this windfarm (reference PAX16.324387).

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully

Violet Mangan