

Observation Document –
Objection to the Proposed Windfarm Doolough

I am writing to object to the proposed large scale wind farm development in the Doolough area of North Mayo.

The proposed development is not within keeping of the surrounding area of natural beauty and will impact the unique landscape that Erris has to offer. The area benefits economically from low impact sustainable tourism that is driven by the beautiful natural landscape of the Erris coast. Visitors particularly from the US and Canada come to the Erris area to experience a rugged and often unforgiving yet beautiful landscape and coastline.

I have been visiting the Erris Coast for a number of years and stay locally at The Erris Coast Hotel which has revitalised the local economy and promoted sustainable tourism for golfers, walkers, fishing parties and general sightseers. It has also pulled the community together in an area that is susceptible to very seasonal demand.

The vital summer trade of visitors from the rest of the Republic, the UK and the US/Canada will be adversely affected as the landscape that people come here to experience and relax in will be decimated by this development. The impact will be felt economically particularly in the tourism sector which is a large employer across the West Coast of Ireland in particular.

Unfortunately I think the Impact on tourism and house prices will be felt first and will foremost struggle to recover long term. This does not even take into account the heavy construction traffic that will be routed along local roads that are already challenging in parts for unfamiliar drivers

I would urge you to consider alternative sites for such a large scale development that do not impact on the local community so adversely.

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