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To Secretary,  
An Coimisiun Pleanala,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1, D01 V902.

**RE: SUBMISSION FOR CLOONBAUL 110KV SUBSTATION & GRID CONNECTION VA16.324429.**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to lodge a submission regarding the above referenced planning application for the proposed electrical substation at Cloonbaul, Mayo Abbey. I have concerns regarding the suitability of this specific location for a substation of this scale. I request that An Coimisiun Pleanala refuses permission for this development based on the following grounds.

1. The Substation is intended to serve seven wind turbines which have recently been refused planning permission by Mayo Co council, and are currently been referred to yourselves for consideration, by Cunlaghfada Green Energy. Along with this, Cunlaghfada green energy have applied to Mayo Co. council for construction of a battery energy storage system in the same area. This whole project falls under the one umbrella and should be viewed as three separate projects. There is no standalone justification for development of a substation here.
2. The selected site for proposed development at Cloonbaul will affect an enclosure identified in the 1995 Mayo Abbey archeological survey. The survey described the feature of being of immense importance. Development on this site would permanently damage the monument and it's archaeological context.
3. For a monument of potentially exceptional significance, preservation in situ should be the starting point. Improved research methods and developments, in time, may tell us a lot more about our heritage and history of the area.
4. Largescale development of the proposed substation and further developments linked to it will have will have a massive cumulative effect on the community as a whole. We do not want to look out our windows at an industrialised countryside. We have vast biodiversity in Mayo Abbey and it's surround's. The curlew, marsh fritillary butterfly ,buzzards, kestrels, sparrowhawk & hen harrier have all been spotted in the area. Habitats will be destroyed with site clearances & destruction of hedgerows. Our country lanes will be

**destroyed and our roads will become a hazard for children and families who like to walk and explore the countryside.**

**In light of the above planning considerations, I respectfully request that An Coimisiun Pleanala take these concerns into account and refuse permission to the proposed development.**

**Thank You,**

**Yours faithfully,**

**Fintan Gallagher.**