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Re: Observation on the proposed Cloonbaul 110 kV substation and grid connection

ACP Case: VA16.324429 | Applicant: Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

I ask that the application be refused because the limestone and karst setting creates uncertainty about groundwater pathways.

Excavations, foundations, cable trenches and drainage may affect water movement in ways that do not follow surface boundaries. Local wells, farms and homes depend on that water environment, while the wider area has a history of flooding and prolonged saturation.

A model cannot remove uncertainty where subsurface pathways are complex and local evidence indicates sensitivity. The consequences of altered drainage or contamination would fall on the community long after construction. The precautionary principle supports a less sensitive site.

Yours faithfully,

John Joe Higgins