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Dear appeals@pleanala.ie

I wish to lodge a complaint against the above application

The development was ordered by the High Court in Dublin to cease construction in 2024 and is now seeking Substitute Consent for what was built illegally and to finish the wind plant, contrary to the Habitats Directive, Water Framework Directive and Birds Directive."

- **Peat and bog land is fragile and hard to predict** — this type of ground is known to be unstable when disturbed by heavy construction, floating roads, and turbine bases. One slide already proved that. Nothing suggests the underlying ground risk has actually changed.
- **The damage reached rivers on both sides of the border** — the peat and debris flowed into the Shruhangerve Stream and on into the Mourne Beg River, causing environmental harm that reached protected sites in Northern Ireland too. This isn't just a Donegal problem. All the people of this area are hugely worried about the risk again.
- **They already broke the rules once** — courts found the *whole* wind farm counts as unauthorised development, not just a few technical breaches. This isn't a minor paperwork issue; it's the whole site.
- **The bog slide wasn't a freak accident, it was a warning sign** — in November 2020, around 86,000 cubic metres of peat and debris slid off the site into local streams. That's a huge amount of material moving off a hillside that was supposed to be stable.
- **They're now asking to be let off retroactively** — If that gets approved, it sets a precedent that developers can just build what they want and sort the paperwork out later.
- **Grid connection works have already been refused once on "prematurity" grounds** — the legal status of the whole site is still unresolved. Approving the main application while this is still up in the air has the same problem.

- **Turbines are sitting in storage, unfinished, years later** — the development has dragged on, unresolved, since 2019, with rotors and turbines reportedly still sitting in storage. That's not a sign of a well-managed, low-risk project.
- **Trust has already been broken** — when a company deviates from an approved plan in 25 separate ways, and the courts back that finding, it's fair to ask whether they can be trusted to stick to conditions going forward, including any new ones attached to this application.

Kind regards,

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