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RE: Case Ref. 324561 (PAX21.324561) – Crumhach Wind Farm, Co. Sligo

Dear Sir/Madam,

While I support the development of renewable energy and recognise the need for Ireland to increase its renewable energy generation, I wish to express my concerns regarding the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm.

As an airline pilot, I travel extensively and regularly promote Ireland, particularly the west of Ireland, as a destination because of its outstanding natural beauty and landscape. I therefore consider it important to protect the character of the area in which I live.

I consider the existing wind turbines to be a significant visual intrusion on what is otherwise a beautiful landscape. Visitors to the area have also commented on the turbines and expressed disappointment at seeing them against the surrounding landscape.

I have particular concerns regarding the proposed new turbines along the Lough Easkey road. This is an exceptionally beautiful and natural landscape, with extensive areas of blanket bog, and has largely been spared from development. Introducing turbines of up to approximately 180 metres in height into this setting would fundamentally change its character, turning what is currently a preserved natural landscape into a semi-industrial environment and effectively removing it as a scenic asset for the region.

The scale of the proposed turbines is a particular concern. They would be substantially larger than the existing turbines and would have a considerably greater visual presence across the surrounding landscape. The long-term visual impact of this change should be carefully assessed, particularly given the importance of the area to tourism and the experience of visitors travelling through it.

I am also concerned about the disruption that construction could bring to Dromore West and the surrounding roads, particularly given the rural nature of the community and the reliance of local residents and businesses on the existing road network.

I fully recognise the importance of renewable energy, but I believe that this must be balanced against the need to protect the landscapes and sense of place that make the west of Ireland so special and which attract visitors from around the world.

I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to give careful consideration to the scale and visual impact of the proposed development, particularly the proposed turbines along the Lough Easkey road, and their potential effects on the landscape, tourism and character of the area. I also ask that the visual impact assessment and proposed mitigation measures be scrutinised carefully in light of the sensitivity of this landscape.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully

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