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Re: Observation in relation to proposed wind turbine replacement/development

Planning Reference: 230841 Crumhach Wind Farm, Co. Sligo

Development Location: F 2026.08.07

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as Principal of Dromore West Central National School to submit an observation in relation to the above proposed development.

A number of parents within our school community have raised concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed works, particularly in relation to road safety and the safety of children and families travelling to and from our school.

Our school currently has 100 pupils and the local road network is used daily by our pupils, parents, staff and school transport. A number of our families also walk and cycle to school, including families travelling with young children.

Our concerns relate primarily to the following:

1. Increased Heavy Vehicle and Construction Traffic

We are concerned about the potential increase in heavy goods vehicles and construction traffic using the roads serving our school during the proposed works. The movement of large vehicles during school opening and closing times could present an increased risk to pupils and families travelling to and from school.

We would ask that particular consideration be given to restricting heavy construction traffic during school drop-off and collection times and to ensuring that appropriate traffic management and safety measures are put in place.

2. Safety of Children Walking and Cycling

The safety of pupils and families who walk or cycle to school is of particular concern. Children are vulnerable road users and increased movements of large construction vehicles on roads used as school routes could create additional risks.

We ask that the impact of the proposed development on children walking and cycling to school be specifically considered as part of any traffic management arrangements.

3. Proposed Road Alterations

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Parents have also raised concerns regarding potential alterations to the road layout/bend near the entrance to the road serving the school. There is concern that changes which result in a straighter section of roadway could potentially encourage increased vehicle speeds.

We would ask that any proposed alterations in this area be carefully assessed from a road-safety perspective, taking account of its proximity to a primary school and its regular use by children and families.

4. Condition of the Local Road

The local road has recently been resurfaced. There is concern that a significant increase in heavy construction traffic, including vehicles transporting construction materials, concrete, equipment and waste, could adversely affect the condition of the road.

Any deterioration in the road surface could have a longer-term impact on the safety of pupils, parents and staff accessing the school.

5. Longer-Term Impact

Our concerns are not limited solely to the initial construction period. We ask that consideration also be given to the potential future use of these roads by heavy or specialist vehicles required for the servicing, maintenance, repair or replacement of wind turbine infrastructure.

As a primary school, our responsibility is to advocate for the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. We therefore respectfully request that the potential impact of this development on the school community, particularly in relation to traffic movements, road safety and safe access to the school, be fully considered.

Where permission is granted, we would ask that appropriate conditions and traffic-management measures be included to minimise risks to pupils and families, particularly during school opening and closing times.

Thank you for considering the concerns of our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Eimear Higgins

Principal
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on behalf of the school community

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