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Case Reference PAX21.324561 –Crumhach Wind Farm, SSE Renewables (Ireland) Ltd.

A Chara

We, Michael & Ann Kilgannon wish to formally make an observation in relation to the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The prescribed fee €50 is paid online.

I wish to make an observation and objection to the proposed Crumhach Wind Farm, particularly in relation to the proposed turbines T7 and T8. My residence is approximately 1.3 kilometres from the proposed turbine T7 and approximately 1.5 kilometres from proposed Turbine 8. Given the proposed height and scale of these turbines, I am concerned that they would be clearly visible from my property and would become a dominant feature in the beautiful scenic rural landscape.

Our Observations/Objections regarding this development are as follows

1. Noise from the turbines .The operation of large modern wind turbines may result in ongoing noise impacts, including audible turbine noise, low-frequency sound and changes in sound levels depending on wind and weather conditions. I am concerned that the noise may be particularly noticeable during quieter periods and may affect the peaceful rural setting of my home, including enjoyment of the property, sleep and general wellbeing.
2. Shadow flicker from the blades. I am concerned that the rotating turbine blades may create shadow flicker at my residence during certain times of the day and year .Even where modelling predicts that impacts will remain within a stated limit, the repeated occurrence of moving shadows and changes in light could be intrusive and disruptive. Any predicted shadow-flicker impact should be independently verified ,closely monitored after construction and prevented through automatic turbine curtailment where necessary,
3. Excess traffic on our local road L6308, which is a minor road and also excess traffic in the surrounding area of the construction site. This is a rural road with young families, school buses and where people walk on a daily basis with their dogs.
4. The disruption of traffic and parking in our local village of Dromore West, Co. Sligo, while the wind farm is being constructed.
5. Because of the close proximity of the wind farm to our property it could impact the value of it in the future if we were to sell it in the future.

6. Visual nuisance, The proposed turbines would be very large structures in an open rural landscape. Their height and movement would make them prominent from the local residences and surrounding area. The continuous movement of the blades aviation lighting and associated infrastructure could materially alter the existing outlook and the quiet rural character of the location.

There is a wind farm Dunneill Wind Farm close to us which causes a lot of shadow flickering and noise already even though what is there already is small compared to the size of the ones on the new site.

The new turbines will be much higher and even though they are located farer away but because of their height they will still impact us So we are concerned that the combined effect of noise, shadow flicker and visual intrusion has not been adequately addressed by considering each impact separately. The practical effect on residents may be greater when these impacts occur together over a prolonged period.

If this wind farm was located further away from the local residences, there is a possibility that they may not impact us as much.

We welcome new developments into our area especially green energy as long as they are suitable for the area and the surrounding countryside and will not have an impact on the local residents.

If planning is granted, I request that it should include strict and legally enforceable conditions requiring;

Independent pre-construction and post-construction noise monitoring

Monitoring for low-frequency noise,

Automatic shutdown or curtailment of turbines where shadow flicker affects the residence

Independent monitoring of actual shadow-flicker effects

Immediate investigation of substantiated noise complaints

Remedial measures where actual impacts are greater than predicted

For these reasons, I request that planning permission be refused unless the planning authority is satisfied that the proposed development would not cause unacceptable impacts on residential amenity. In particular, the effects of noise shadow flicker and visual intrusion at my residence should be assessed together, having regard to the scale and proximity of turbines T7 and T8

Yours faithfully

Michael Kilgannon

Ann Kilgannon +

