

Treasa's Hair Salon

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Re: Case Ref. 324561 (PAX21.324561) – Crumhach Wind Farm, Co. Sligo – SSE Renewables (Ireland) Ltd.

A Chara,

I make this observation under Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The prescribed fee of €50 is paid online. Please send all correspondence to the address above.

I live on the L6309, just north of / about 1.5 km from the existing Kings mountain wind farm, and I run a hairdressing business from my home, Treasa's Hair Salon, which I have operated for 16 years. My clients come to me by appointment, 6 days a week, and all travel by car. I do not oppose renewable energy, but the L6309 is one of the roads on which this project will fall most heavily, and both my home and my livelihood depend on it. I ask the Commission to take account of the following.

1. The L6309

- 1.1 The EIAR itself records that the L6309 is a single-lane road with passing places (Chapter 15, Section 15.1.11). It is one of the two local roads used to access the wind farm (Appendix 4-6, Section 2.1), and the application proposes upgrades to existing site entrances along it.
- 1.2 The grid connection cable is to be laid along about 6.6km of the L6309, past my home, and Table 15-34 of the EIAR proposes closing the L6309 for 66 days to do this. This contradicts Section 15.1.9, which states that it is not anticipated that any local roads will be closed. The application also includes the upgrade of about 4.8km of public road (Appendix 4-6, Section 2.2), but does not say where those upgrades will be, where the cable trench will run in the road outside my home, or how my entrance, boundary and drainage will be affected.

2. My hairdressing business

- 2.1 My business depends entirely on clients being able to reach my home easily and safely. A 66-day road closure, and months of heavy construction traffic on a single-lane road, would mean clients cancelling or being unable to attend, and a direct loss of income. A closure of 66 days is more than two months. Clients cannot go that long without a hairdresser, so they will go elsewhere, and once they have found another salon many will not come

back. The loss would not end when the road reopens: it would be a lasting loss of regular clients built up over 16 years. Clients pulling in and out of my entrance, and meeting HGVs on a road where vehicles cannot pass except at passing places, would also be at risk. The EIAR does not identify home-based businesses on the L6309 or assess the effect of the works on them.

- 2.2 A large part of my business is wedding parties, First Communions, Confirmations and other family occasions, when large groups come to my home to have their hair done on the morning of the event. These appointments are often booked up to a year in advance, and I currently have multiple bookings for the coming year. The dates cannot be moved: a wedding or a Communion will not be rescheduled because of a road closure. If the L6309 is closed, or blocked by works, on the morning of a booked event, the bride, the families and I have no alternative, and a day that can never be repeated is disrupted. Four weeks' notice of a closure is of no help for bookings made a year ahead. I request that the applicant engage directly with affected home-based businesses when developing the construction programme and seek, where reasonably practicable, to avoid periods during which significant pre-booked events such as weddings, First Communions and Confirmations are scheduled.
- 2.3 I ask that access to my home and business be maintained at all times, including during any closure or cable works, so that clients can reach me; that I receive at least four weeks' written notice of any closure, cable works or other disruption on the L6309, so that I can reschedule appointments; that construction vehicles never park, wait or queue across my entrance; and that the applicant be required to consult affected home-based businesses before finalising the timing and phasing of the works on the L6309.
- 2.4 Emergency access is a serious health and safety concern. Many of my clients are elderly, and some have health conditions or limited mobility. If a client, or anyone in my home, becomes unwell and needs an ambulance, the emergency services must be able to reach my home without delay. During a 66-day road closure, and throughout months of heavy construction traffic on a single-lane road, an ambulance, fire engine or Garda car could be held up at the closure, behind lorries, or at a passing place. The same risk applies to every other household on the L6309. The EIAR does not identify how emergency access will be maintained along the L6309 during the closure or the cable works. I ask that the Traffic Management Plan guarantee immediate emergency access to every property on the L6309 at all times, including during any closure; that the emergency services be consulted and informed before any closure begins; and that residents be given a direct phone number for the site manager, so that vehicles and plant can be moved at once in an emergency.
- 2.5 My business relies heavily on reputation, repeat customers and advance bookings. Disruption to access may result in cancellations that cannot simply be rescheduled, particularly for weddings and family events. The impact of losing clients may continue long after the construction works have ended.

3. Dust, noise, vibration and damage

- 3.1 Heavy lorries, the cable trench and road works outside my home will bring dust, noise and vibration for a prolonged period. Dust affects the cleanliness and hygiene of a salon, and noise and vibration affect my clients' comfort. The dust measures proposed are largely discretionary, applied "if necessary" or "as deemed necessary" by the site manager (Appendix 4-6, Section 3.3). I ask for dust monitoring on the L6309; that the applicant clean, or pay for cleaning, property affected by dust from the works; and that a pre- and post-construction structural survey of my home be carried out at the applicant's expense, with any damage repaired at its cost.

4. Removal of the existing turbines and the new turbines

- 4.1 Before the new wind farm is built, the 23 existing turbines are to be dismantled and removed. The Decommissioning Plan (Appendix 4-6, Section 2.4.2.1) states that this is part of the construction phase and is not covered by the plan, and I could not find anywhere in the application how many loads this will involve, when it will happen, or whether they will use the L6309.
- 4.2 The new turbines would be up to 180m tall, almost twice the height of the existing ones. My home is about 1.5 km from the nearest proposed turbine.

5. Conclusion

If the Commission is minded to grant permission, I ask that conditions be attached to guarantee emergency access and access to my home and business at all times, including during any closure of the L6309; to require adequate advance notice of closures and works; to require consultation with affected home-based businesses when planning the timing of construction activities; to require dust monitoring, structural surveys and repair of any damage; and to protect my home and business from shadow flicker and noise once the turbines are operating.

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