Formal objection to the proposed development of a 220kV Air Insulated Substation (AIS) and Loop-in Grid Connection at Greenhills Solar Farm.

To: Coimisiún Pleanála

Date: 31st October 2026

Planning Reference: Case reference: VA04.324632

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of a 220kV Air Insulated Substation (AIS) and Loop-in Grid Connection associated with Greenhills Solar Farm.

Having considered the nature, scale and potential implications of this development, I have serious concerns regarding its impact on the surrounding countryside, local residents, the environment and the long-term character of this rural area.

While I recognise the importance of renewable energy and the need to develop Ireland's electricity infrastructure, I strongly believe that such developments must be appropriately located, carefully assessed and designed in a manner that protects the interests of existing communities and the natural environment.

In Ireland, we still do not have proper regulations or guidelines surrounding these new developments. It is very unfair to home owners that someone from another area gets to decide that these substations should be built right next to them without weighing up the risks.

You cannot, in good faith, allow these developments to proceed until proper regulations, guidelines and laws are put in place.

It is ridiculous that the communities and land that we have fought for centuries to keep is now being given away to investors without a second thought!

Rural communities cannot continue to pay the highest electricity prices while having the most to lose.

I am asking you to put yourselves in our shoes! This development is a new threat to our way of life.

The proposed 220kV Air Insulated Substation represents a significant and potentially permanent industrial development in a rural area. I believe that the potential impacts on residential amenity, landscape character, noise levels, biodiversity and the wider environment warrant serious consideration.

I respectfully request that you carefully examine all of the concerns raised in this objection and ensure that the applicant has fully demonstrated that the proposed development is appropriate for this location and that its potential impacts can be adequately mitigated.

In view of the concerns outlined above, **I respectfully request that planning permission for the proposed development be refused.**

I also request that this objection be formally recorded and that the issues raised receive full consideration as part of the planning assessment.

Yours faithfully,

Edel Ryan,
Kilcounty,
Killeagh,
Co Cork.