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RE: THIRD PARTY OBSERVATION-CASE VA04.324632

Proposed Development: 220kv Air Insulated Substation and loop in Grid Connection Greenhills Co Cork

Applicant: Perigus Energy Ireland Midco Ltd

Location: Knocknagappagh, Ballyneague, Ballydaniel, Co. Cork.

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to make a formal third party observation objecting to the proposed 220KV substation and associated grid connection infrastructure at Greenhills Co Cork.

Water Run Off

I currently farm in postal address Ballyneague, Park, Youghal. My land is very close to where this substation is proposed, and I have huge concerns for the water run off from the substation and battery storage facility, this would contaminate the local streams and river Tourig nearby which is fed into the town of Youghal for drinking water. This would also effect the drinking water on my farm well which would result in Livestock being poisoned.

Livestock

I also have livestock on my farm, and I'm concerned that the noise from the site/development traffic, as well as the potential ongoing noise and hum from the substation/battery facility which will impact my livestock. This will cause a problem by causing undo stress to the animals, potentially affecting their growth and performance.

Traffic

The roads around where this development is proposed are very small rural roads. There is no way they can accommodate the amount of heavy construction traffic that would be proposed in this planning application. This will also have a negative impact on the day to day running of local agricultural businesses as the roads will not be able to accommodate the large increase in large machinery.

Wildlife

In this area there are a lot of wild Irish hares which are currently protected. This substation development is going to have a huge impact on them and will drive them out of this area as well as many other wildlife such as deer, badgers, foxes and rabbits, squirrels, barn owls. This will also increase the likelihood of a local TB breakout amongst local livestock farms.

Archaeological Site

Close to my farm and this proposed planning development, there is a church and graveyard called Ardagh. This graveyard, which dates back to 1615, is a special place in our community. At the rear of the graveyard there is a field called the Glebe Field, which was a village back in the famine times and housed many families who lived there in famine huts from 1889 to 1896. Glebe field is near the site of the proposed substation, so I have huge concerns for this as there could be numerous archaeological artefacts destroyed by this development.

Visual Impact

This proposed development is of a very large scale, and it will have a huge impact visually for my farm and many local farms and dwellings. It will cause a industrial feeling amongst our natural farmlands and countryside, and have a mental effect on all people in our community.

Loss of Agricultural land

It is very unfair to be using good quality food producing farmland for a substation, as it's restricting the amount of land available for young farmers, thus restricting the amount of food that could potentially be produced.

Fire on the site

If there was ever a fire or explosion to happen on the proposed substation/battery storage facility it would be catastrophic for the environment, this would lead to huge problems for animals and trees and hedgerows. It would also affect the local farmers that produce food.

Based on the above mentioned, I trust my concerns will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being reached on this planning application and it will be refused.

Kind regards,

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