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PLEASE FIND ATTACHED OUR OBJECTION TO BORD NA MONA ENERGY LTDS APPLICATION FOR
SUBSTITUTE CONSENT ON LEMANAGHAN BOG.

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REF SUBMISSION ON SUBSTITUTE CONSENT APPLICATION

SU19. 323676

BORD NA MONA ENERGY LTD
LEMANAGHAN BOG
CO OFFALY

DEAR SIR/MADAM

We are writing to formally submit our observations in relation to the SUBSTITUTE CONSENT application lodged by Bord Na Mona Energy Ltd, for peat extraction and associated works at Lemanaghan bog Co Offaly.

We are local residents, and believe this application raises serious questions regarding the appropriate use of the Substitute Consent mechanism under Section 177E of the planning & Development Act 2000.

Our objections are on the following basis.

1 BULLYING BY BORD NA MONA ENERGY LTD

Substitute Consent is intended to be a remedial tool to legalise past developments, NOT facilitate future developments.

But Bord Na Mona are bullying ahead with their plans for a massive industrial windfarm on this bog.

They are trying to legalise past works WHICH also affected us as locals, without once taking into account how our lives were affected by these works and will be affected by the Windfarm.

Bord Na Mona are also bullying farmers and people with turbary rights to bogs to sell to them. Threatening CPO's on them, so take the money or nothing, but they will have no choice but to hand over their bog to BNM.

2 LACK OF COMMUNICATION

Bord Na Mona between 1988 and 2024, milled peat at a huge profit. But all this time we as locals were dealing with DUST, PEAT STORMS, LITTERING, FLOODS, NOISE POLLUTION ETC, with absolutely NO communication from Bord Na Mona.

In 2011, there was a major fire on the bog, that destroyed all the local homes with smoke. Bord Na Mona had been contacted about the smouldering in the peat pile on many occasions for weeks before the fire, but not only did they ignore the complaints, they refused to accept responsibility for the damage that the fire did to our homes, let alone give us compensation.

3 DISCRIMINATION

We believe that we as locals are being discriminated against by this large multinational company. They could mill peat and run a huge business from 1988 to 2024 illegally and now just apply for substitute consent, to enable them to destroy our lives in the future.

REQUEST FOR REFUSAL

We request that An Coimisiun Pleanála refuse Bord Na Mona Energy Ltd permission on these grounds.

I trust An Coimisiun Pleanála will give full consideration to our points raised.

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