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Dear Sir/Madam

The attached are my observations as per the above windfarm proposal. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Re: Observations - Case Number ABP-320705-24: Proposed Knockshanvo Windfarm

Dear Sir/Madam

The following are my observations in respect to the above windfarm proposal

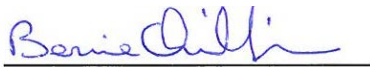
1. Nothing has changed with respect to my concerns regarding the environmental impact of having this and one other (Oatfield) windfarm in the area, namely the construction and servicing of 20 very large turbines (186m in height) with associated electrical substations, negatively impacting - the landscape and natural environment, peat stability, water quality control, fragile & narrow local road network, flicker and noise, etc. It has not been demonstrated that the overall development is appropriate for the area.
2. I have not been reassured that the integrity of ground water, my private spring well and those of my neighbours at the proposed location will remain intact. It has been acknowledged by the Applicant that this is a very sensitive environmental area. The Applicant has not reassured me that removing large quantities of topsoil, peat and other material from the area, necessary for the proposed development, will not negatively impact the excellent quality ground water currently in the area.
3. I do not believe that the Applicant has adequately dealt with the likely negative impact on the hen harrier nesting grounds and its overall habitat and survival in the area. Please note there are also buzzards nesting in the area. I believe that these birds' nesting grounds will not be safe if this development proceeds as proposed.
4. The Applicant, in my opinion, has ignored the negative impact this development will have on the Sunyata Buddhist Retreat Centre with respect to noise, flicker, etc. This is a very quiet, beautiful rural area within the 12 O'Clock Hills which attracts monks and members of the general public from all over the world to visit for retreats, mediation and sanctuary. These 186m turbines will probably close this very valuable and world recognised Centre as the noise, flicker, etc is completely contrary to peace and quiet required for the Centre to operate.
5. With respect to Shannon Airport and Woodcock Hill surveillance system, it is also not clear to me that the Applicant has sufficiently dealt with the concerns raised previously. How can

the proposal go ahead when the Applicant is suggesting that a number of turbines will need to be redesigned to resolve the issues raised (i.e. if they can be resolved)?

6. The Applicant suggests numerous “future” solutions to issues raised. Given the fundamental and critical nature of the issues raised, surely the solutions should be in place before such a large development can be approved.

In summary, I do not believe the Applicant has demonstrated the proposed Knockshanvo Wind Farm can proceed without severely negatively impacting the environment, the people who live there, the businesses in the area and the safety of those who fly into Ireland’s airspace and in particular Shannon Airport. I therefore ask that an Coimisiun Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Knockshanvo Wind Farm.

Yours sincerely



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