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Re: Wind Farm Development in Knockshanvo (Case #320705) - Submission in Response to Applicant's Response to Observations

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing again about the proposed wind farm at Knockshanvo, this time in response to the Applicant's Response to Observations written by MKO on behalf of FuturEnergy Knockshanvo on 17th April 2026. After reading it I remain opposed to this development. I'd like to explain why here both in relation to my original concern about property values and also a further matter concerning aviation safety that has come to my attention since.

As I said in my first letter, I do support the move toward renewable energy in general, but I still believe this location is the wrong one, and the Applicant's response has not decreased my concerns about property values. The Applicant accepts that there are no Irish studies on how wind farms affect property prices here in Ireland. In their place it points to two US studies by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, a 2014 UK study, and a 2016 Scottish study. None of these were carried out in Ireland, and I do not see how research from housing markets so different from ours can properly stand in for an assessment of the homes actually affected here, including my own. Even the most favourable of the studies the Applicant relies on, the 2009 LBNL study, is unable to rule out real impacts on individual homes. It states that it "cannot dismiss the possibility that individual or small numbers of homes have been or could be negatively impacted." Given the scale of the turbines proposed, up to 185m in tip height, I would ask the Commission to require the Applicant to carry out a proper, independent, site-specific assessment of the likely impact on local property values, rather than relying on generalised international literature.

I also want to raise a further concern with the Commission, which I believe is very serious. Only a few weeks ago, in Commission Order ABP-318943-24 dated 7th May 2026, An Coimisiún Pleanála refused permission for the Ballycar Wind Farm (Case #318943), a nearby development of a similar kind because of fears over aviation safety. The Commission found that it was "not satisfied... that measurable, evidence based, demonstratable and

credible mitigation measures” had been submitted that could remove the dangers to aviation to the satisfaction of AirNav Ireland and Shannon Airport Group.

I understand AirNav Ireland and Shannon Airport Authority DAC are raising the same two issues at Knockshanvo. That is the risk to Instrument Flight Procedures at Shannon Airport, and the effect on the Woodcock Hill radar. On the radar point, AirNav has told the Applicant there are “no credible and implementable mitigations” that could be applied to remove the problem. Rather than resolving this before seeking permission, the Applicant wants the Commission to grant permission now and leave AirNav and Shannon Airport's written sign-off to be sorted out afterwards. I do not think that is right, and I do not think the Commission should accept an arrangement of that kind here having turned it down for Ballycar only weeks ago.

Taking both matters together, I remain firmly opposed to this development going ahead in its current form. I do not believe my concerns, or those of other residents have been properly answered, and I do not think it would be right to grant permission while such serious aviation safety objections from major aviation authorities remain unresolved. I would ask the Commission to refuse this application. As I wrote in my previous letter, surely there must be alternative sites that could accommodate these turbines without negatively impacting an established residential area and also posing a substantial risk to aircraft.

I would appreciate your careful consideration of these concerns in your decision-making process. Please keep me informed of any developments regarding this matter.

Regards,
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