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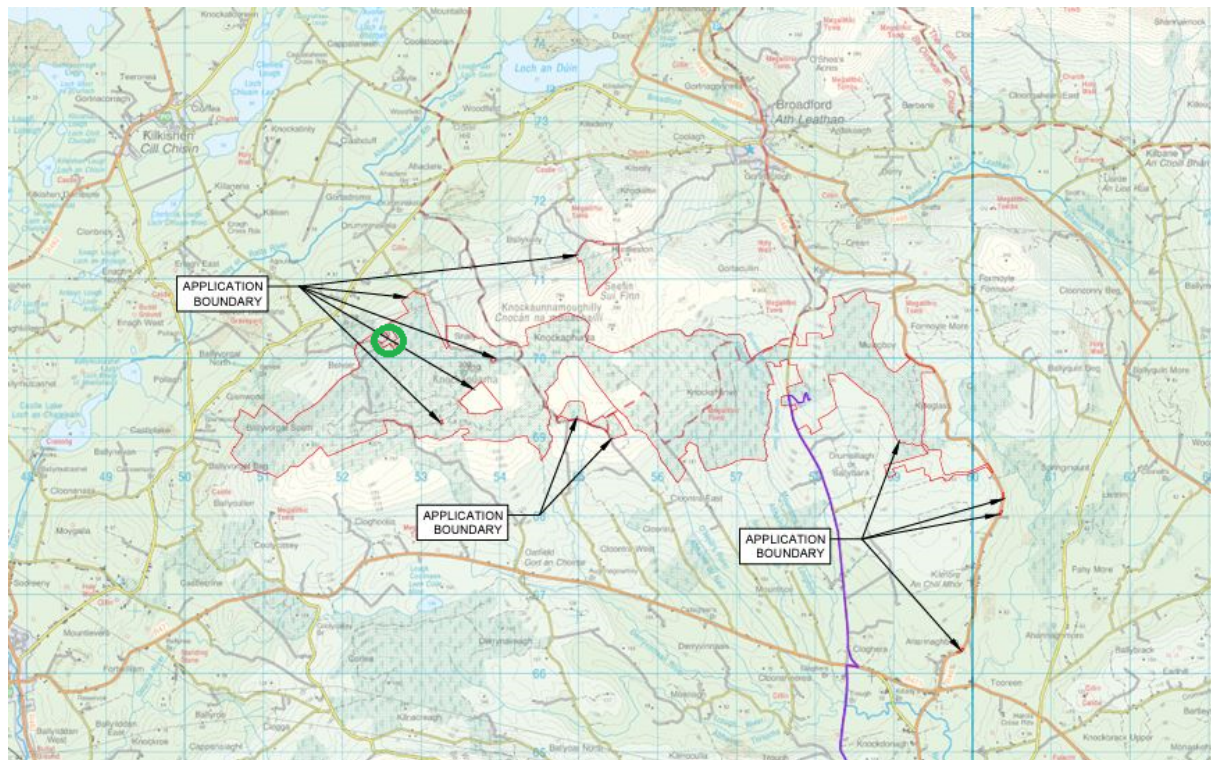
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Dear Sir/Madam

Case 320705– Knockshanvo Windarm Poposal, Co Clare

Myself and my family live c. 100m from the application area of the above proposal. The map below indicates our house and garden (circled in green) relative to the proposed application development boundary (in red).



I have read the contents of the Further information documents provided by the developer as part of this planning application.

I comment as follows:

Re Impact on Hen Harrier population resident in the site of the proposed development - the mitigation proposed is to encourage the birds to nest in nearby sites which would be suitable and in this regard Options to Lease agreements have been entered into with land owners - I believe this to be aspirational at best - the birds might not agree to this, the landowners might not agree to enter into the leases - (they are only option agreements) and who is going to follow up and dedicate time,

money and commitment to ensuring that the Hen Harrier population survives? The best way to protect this endangered species is to leave them undisturbed and not allow the turbines to be built - once the birds are gone, they are gone and humans will have no way to reintroduce a bird species if they are extinct. Why do we humans continuously think that we can tinker and control the delicate balance that is bio diversity, wildlife and nature in areas such as this?

Re Property Value impact - I referred to this in my objection letter - with some authority as a qualified and practicing property valuer. The developer refers to out of date studies that took place in other countries. No study in this area nor in Ireland took place and no up to date studies were referred to. Why is this I wonder? Studies were conducted of wildlife, visual impact, noise impact, road impact etc etcThe planning process requires that all studies are up to date and relevant to the location of the proposed application but nothing is required in relation to impact on property values. As this is an obvious flaw in the planning process, I respectfully ask you, as the deciding body, to consider this concern as part of the decision making. As mentioned in my objection letter, I believe that our house will be unsellable or the value will be significantly reduced if this development goes ahead. I discussed this with the developer representatives early on in the process in person at our house and they were unable to give any reassurances, nor did they offer to carry out research or commission a study on property value impact. My concerns fell on deaf ears. This is a David and Goliath case where the developer has endless funds available to commission studies and research in order to prove their case but it is telling that they have not commissioned any study or research into reduction in property value for surrounding houses. In my job, as a qualified valuer, I value houses up and down the country on a day to day basis for the likes of Bank of Ireland, AIB, PTSB etc etc and I can hand on heart say that if I am valuing a house in the foothills of a wind farm, I reduce the estimated value for the impact - and a house in an area without windfarms always worth more. Unfortunately I don't have an expensive study to support this - only 20 years plus of valuer experience in Ireland.

Finally, considering the considerable number of objections to this wind farm - (I believe it to be in the hundreds), the wide ranging reasons behind the objections (nature, health, property, views, scenery, animals, road impact, biodiversity, air travel safety etc), it is clear to me that this is a development being wrongly imposed on a small rural Irish community by a larger organisation interested in material gain. Yes, it is under the guise of saving the environment via renewable energy but what about the natural environment it is destroying in the process? Wind farms can be out at sea now so I see no reason to destroy sensitive Irish habitats just because wind farms at sea are more expensive to develop. I firmly believe that our natural environment is worth saving and preserving for generations to come. And every part of the natural environment in a place like this i.e. soil, insects, plants, trees, birds, animals and air quality is worth preserving to the best of our ability.

I respectfully request that you consider a Refusal of this application.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this.

Yours Sincerely

Sorcha de Eyto (Crag, Belvoir, Sixmilebridge, Co Clare V95 E4Y1)

(Written on behalf of myself, my husband and our three children)