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Tooreen,
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8th September, 2020.

REF: CLEANRATH WINDFARM LTD. PL.04.307939.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make the following submission in connection with the application for substitute consent made by Cleanrath Windfarm Ltd, ref: PL.0

I strongly object to the Cleanrath Windfarm development which has been successfully fought by Klaus and Hanna Heubach and has been turned down in the Supreme Court recently, mostly because of noise and insufficient set-back distance from their small holding. Klaus and Hanna, who I know personally, are running a successful small rural business, growing and arranging flowers. One of the proposed turbines is just over 600 m away from Klaus and Hannah's residence, which is not enough according to the new guidelines, which state that wind turbines have to have a set-back distance of 4 x the tip height of the turbine. Klaus and Hanna have been fighting Cleanrath windfarm development in the courts at great personal expense.

The developer has continued with the construction of Cleanrath Windfarm even so he was aware, that the decision of the Supreme Court was pending and could make it an illegal development. The EU has recently ruled that such a retrospective granting of planning is illegal and should be avoided.

I also object to Cleanrath Windfarm development, because of an over-saturation of the Lee valley with wind turbines, which is destroying its high amenity value and its potential for small scale tourism. As a keen hill walker, cyclist and kayaker I do not want the scenic nature of the Lee valley spoiled, an area which is also very dear to many inhabitants of Cork City. Gougane Barra, a place of pilgrimage and the source of the river Lee, is getting more and more

surrounded by wind turbines, as yet another wind farm development application has recently been made for Cappaboy wind farm. The inhabitants of Incheegelagh and Ballingearry are rightly incensed about all of these proposed developments.

Birds of prey, namely buzzards and sea eagles, which might use the boggy wilderness of Cleanrath as a last refuge will be greatly endangered, the presence of sea eagles could be a great tourist attraction. Other upland birds like ravens and golden plovers which might be nesting there will also greatly be disturbed.

I strongly object to the short-sighted view that a multitude of turbines is going to solve all our problems, namely climate change. The construction of wind turbines, is leading to more environmental degradation of the landscape, increased flooding, and sediment in clean rivers and lakes, as not enough care is taken to put up sufficient siltation barriers during the construction of wind turbine developments.

I would ask you to not grant this development substitute consent and retrospective planning and have the illegal turbines taken down.

Yours sincerely,

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