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Ref: SU05E.319466

#### Development Description

Substitute Consent application for 25 no. deviations from the permitted Meenbog Windfarm development (granted under ABP PA05E.300460).

Dear Secretary,

The High Court has deemed the entire development unauthorised as a result of the Council's actions to prevent the completion of the development until the substitute consent application has been determined.

This consent is required because 25 significant deviations were identified by the council from that which had been granted permission. The identification of these planning irregularities occurred after the peat slide on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. This is important in the Planning context, especially as the entire site area is deemed extremely environmentally vulnerable. There can be no doubt about that or its significance with the resulting consequences on local waterways from the peat slide. The deviations from planning are found to be significant and these will have altered the overall environmental impact on a sensitive habitat. There is no such thing as localised impacts in an area such as this.

The applicants have shown literal contempt for the planning laws and in particular, the intended purpose of the Environmental Impact Assessment Process under which context this application and the original planning application are subject.

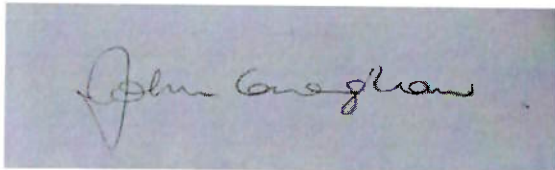
The concept of the integrity of the site in terms of conservation objectives and the proximity of listed sites immediately across the border with Northern Ireland needs to be properly considered. There has been an adverse effect here from the peat slide in 2020. The concept of the integrity of sites and their dynamic ecological context has to be considered. The integrity of

the site is not defined by International borders but the cohesion of the site's ecological structure and function across its entire area.

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Ella McSweeney aired on RTE1 'Ear to the Ground' where she had local experts visit the site and voice their concerns on the program on the peat slide in Meenbog.

This development should *never* have received planning permission and any substitute consent should not be granted. This event on the day it happened was devastating in the community, this hillside can never be restored to how this was left to the carelessness of the developer.

Yours faithfully

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