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KERRY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 - 2028

Dear Mr Ginty

**OBJECTION FOR PROPOSED APPLICATION REF: KERRY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 -2028
SUBMISSION RELATED TO: DUAGH AREA OPEN TO CONSIDERATION MAPS.**

I would like to record my objection to the proposed Kerry County Development Plan 2022 - 2028

I, REBECCA LOYD, residing at [REDACTED] would like to object to the proposed consideration maps for the Duagh area.

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Personal
Information

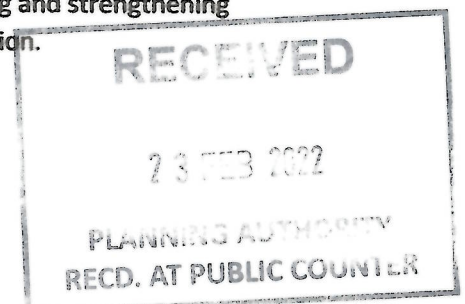
The Basis of my objection is as follows;

- Lack of adequate public consultation

There has been no or very little opportunity for local residents, particularly those living closest to the proposed development to meet and engage, voice any concerns and get answers to any queries relating to said development.

I note from the code of Practice for Wind Energy Development in Ireland 2016 (Guidelines for Community Engagement), the approach and level of engagement should reflect the nature of the project and the potential level of impact that it could have on a community.

- The Liaison Officer for this development has had zero communication with this household or any local residents.
- There will be an increased risk of construction traffic and heavy machinery on local roads which are already inadequate and in need of restructuring and strengthening which we have already brought to Kerry County Councils attention.



- Increased risk of lightning strike and fire risk in a forested area posing a threat to local residents.
- Reports of collapsing turbines & falling parts/blades – this is extremely worrying.
- Visual Impact on the landscape considering the sheer size & scale of the wind turbines.
- Electromagnetic interference – will there be disruption to phones/TV/internet coverage. (Very poor coverage/reception in this area already without further disruptions.)

Another concern to me and residents living close to the wind turbines would be that in the event of an accident / fire / family member taken ill I / they would not be able to contact the emergency services due to coverage/reception disruptions.

- Negative Health effects on local residents' people living in the vicinity of wind turbines may suffer from sleep disturbances, headaches, dizziness, nausea, tinnitus and inability to concentrate.

Also potential health implications including blade flicker, seizures.

Stress caused by impact on house prices decreasing, an inability to sell the property. The impact on the community, the impact on our children and grandchildren's future to stay local and for our community to grow and not lead to emigration and the ruin of yet another village/small town in Ireland due to people moving due to the turbines.

- The negative impact on the wildlife and the Landscape.
- There are Hen Harrier, Curlew, Snipe, Kestrels and bats in and around our surrounding area.

Kerry accounts for three per cent of the country's population and it currently produces 18% of Ireland's total wind energy. The (wind power output) figures for Kerry speak for themselves. North Kerry has given enough

For the reasons above I wish to record my formal objection.

Best regards,