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28th May 2022,

RE The proposed changes to Wind Energy Policy 2018 - 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I am a member of Dunkineely Community Ltd., and [REDACTED] We have worked for years and still continue to work to protect our local heritage sites, of which there are many in St John's Point. This is for tourism, for future generations, and the local community. I cannot believe that anyone would consider ruining such a stunningly beautiful place with windmills. Windmills here would devastate the local community, damage heritage sites, scenery, health, lower house prices, and would bring no benefit to the local community.

I therefore want to support changes being made by Council to curtail the unregulated and often ill thought-out planning of Donegal landscapes in recent decades. I am from [REDACTED] and I was astounded to learn that Donegal County [REDACTED] s Point as an area Open to Consideration for massive industrial wind turbines. Thus, I am glad to see it now listed in the proposed exclusion zones for turbines laid out in E-P-23. **Personal information redacted**

We welcomed our first cruise ship of the season to Killybegs last week. Twenty-two more are booked in up to the end of September. Why in the name of any planning common sense, or the wearied phrase of 'sustainable development', would we jeopardise the first view of Donegal cruise ship visitors see on approaching Killybegs? Donegal is breaking all records for accelerated growth in tourist numbers in recent years. We have the exposure from Hollywood film sets given by Star Wars at Malin Head and right now Liam Neeson is in Glencolmille on the set of Land of Saints and Sinners. We have Royal visits and countless celebrity endorsements. We have our own 'secret waterfall' and some of the most famous, most Instagrammed, beaches in the world like Murder Hole and Silver Strand. We have the mighty drawing power of Sliabh Liag and Errigal. We have Glenveagh National Park. These are but a select few of the magnets which draw ever increasing numbers of visitors to Donegal.

Thus, it is utter folly to plunder the value in our iconic landscapes. Donegal surely is some sort of a tourist magnet and I believe more turbines will only kill that allure. I have yet to hear any tourist sing songs of praise for turbines. They want our landscapes, our bogs and our mountains as natural statements of beauty. You won't see any photographer saying they came to see the turbines. Hence, those exclusion zones for turbines in Glenveagh, in St John's Point, in Gweebarra River, in the Extremely High Scenic Amenity areas and the fresh water pearl mussel must form part of the County Development Plan remaining for 2018 – 2024 and furthermore must be carried forward in to the draft 2024 – 2030 plan.

Janet Deane,



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