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RE The proposed changes to Wind Energy Policy 2018 - 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I want to support changes being made by Council to curtail the unregulated and often ill thought-out placement of turbines in our beautiful Donegal landscapes in recent decades. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I was astounded to learn that Donegal County Council intended to mark St John'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.

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 Glencolmkille 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.

Yours faithfully

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Warmest of wishes

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