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## **Dunkineely Community Ltd**

Date: 31st May 2022

To whom it may concern,

## Ref: Draft Donegal County Development plan 2024 - 2030

Dunkineely Community Ltd (DCL) support the proposed plan in the draft Donegal County Development plan 2024 - 2030, to make St John's Point an exclusion area for industrial wind turbines.

DCL serve a community of over 2,000 people in the Dunkineely, Killaghtee and Bruckless areas. This includes St. John's Point.

As a group we aim to provide educational services, celebrate and conserve our local heritage and help bring tourism and work to the area. We have recently had several successes in this area, particularly on St. John's Point. This includes:

- 1a. Getting the Old Killaghtee Church and Graveyard recognised under the Adopt A Monument Scheme.
- 1b. Obtaining funding from the Community Heritage Fund to carry out a full conservation survey on the above site.
- 2. Obtaining funding from the Community Monuments Fund to carry out a full conservation survey on McSwyne's Castle.

The above were achieved through creating a diverse and cross community group to support the former and by getting the support of hundreds of local residents and visitors for the latter.

These demonstrate the love that people here have for St. John's Point, it's heritage and its beautiful scenery.

Plans to erect industrial wind turbines at this sight of natural beauty, on land or sea have generated significant local anger, as we see from the people we talk to and listen to every day.





It should be noted that St Johns Point is designated as a Special Area of Conservation under the E.U. Habitats Directive and must be protected from any large scale construction works that could prove detrimental to the protected habitats/species at this location.

DCL are 100% supportive of international aims to support the environment and significantly reduce the harmful effects of energy creation and consumption.

We believe this is achievable, while maintaining sites of significant natural beauty, like St John's Point, which not only support the wellbeing of the local community but also promote tourism and work for disadvantaged areas, such as ours.

Yours,

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