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Dear Madame/Sir,

find enclosed my submission to the County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied) in respect of a Wind Energy Policy Framework.

Donegal has become perhaps the most popular visitor destination on the Wild Atlantic Way in recent years and that is a scenic reputation that we should not tarnish by further expanding wind farm projects. Lonely Planet, British royals, cruise ship goers, Hollywood film crews, hikers and hill walkers all have Donegal on their must-visit bucket list.

Donegal has done more than its fair share in the rollout of wind turbines. Compared to many other counties we are at saturation point.

I am glad Donegal County Council finally intends to place some restraint on turbines. I am in favor of the DCC map which shows most of the county as not normally permissible.

Most people do remember the disastrous Meenbog bog burst which caused huge environmental damage and destroying fish life in de Mourne River. It is therefore also high time to protect the EHSA areas for next generations.

I also whole heartily agree with the safeguard of Ten Times Tip Height from homes. Very important for the near future replaced wind turbines will increase in height and I do agree (with reference to Policy E-P-23) no wind farms shall be acceptable in the proximity of Glenveagh National Park, in the Gweebarra River valley, in areas of Extremely High Scenic Amenity, in the fresh water pearl mussel catchments or in St John's Point.

Yours sincerely,

