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Having read a copy of the Development Plan with interest, I wish to make the following points with specific regard to the proposed development of wind farms/erection of wind turbines on Saint John's Point, Dunkineely, Co Donegal.

1. In your Catalogue reference Natural and Built Heritage - the issues 1-4 all apply to Saint John's Point, and these issues are answerable as follows:

- St. John's Point Lighthouse is a protected building and part of the built heritage.
- The habitats in St. John's Point is comparable to the Burren in Co Clare and grows rare plants and orchids.
- St John's Point is a renowned scenic area and should not be pressured by wind energy developments.

2. Community Development: - Saint John's Point is a *natural community infrastructure* and green space.

- Saint John's Point offers a rare coral beach which is used all the time by local swimmers and divers from near and far.
- Saint John's Point offers unrivalled diving both from shore and boat diving.
- Saint John's Point offers long walks and cycling and is used by families and tourists alike.

3. Proposed Variation to the Existing Plan in respect of Wind Energy Policy.

- The "Not Normally Permissible" wind energy zoning shows Saint John's Point is an EU marked Special Area of Conservation.
- Saint John's Point is also an "Especially High Scenic Amenity where people live all year round and work and preserve the land and the surrounding areas.
- In your plan dated in 2015 - 2018 and 2018-2024 with regard to Wind Turbines, Saint John's Point is marked as Not Acceptable and Special Area of Conservation. This has not changed and has been confirmed by the EU in 2017.

As you will see from the above, the idea of a proposed Wind Farm/Erection of Wind Turbines on Saint John's Point goes against your own rules and would have a huge negative impact for the Built Environment and Heritage, Community Development and Protection of the natural habitats and species which are indigenous and rare to this part of the County and Country. As a result of this, I am sure you will re-consider this part of the development plan, and instead get the renewable wind energy from offshore farms where the impact is much less to the aforementioned, but the result is the same.

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