

I think this is an absolute joke. I am a local resident and I use this path for running at times. This is much too visible and in people's faces. I know renewable energy is great but there are various location which these turbines could be positioned that are way out of sight. For instance over the Feeny mountain towards Draperstown. Anyway I wholeheartedly object to this and frankly think it's disgusting this application wasn't posted in nearby addresses.

I object to this windfarm on this beautiful country land and the harm it will do to wildlife3

**From:** Conall De Faoite White  
**Sent:** 19 October 2023 16:14  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection

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**Sent:** 17 October 2023 21:55  
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**From:** Dolores O'Neill  
**Sent:** 17 October 2023 18:40  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** LA01/2019/0922/F-Mageramore wind farm objection

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**Sent:** 17 October 2023 21:31  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** objection

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**From:** gemma mcaleese  
**Sent:** 17 October 2023 22:41  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** RE. LA01/2019/0922/F-Maghermore wind farm.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a community representative for Benbradagh and someone who has spent a considerable amount of time liaising with members of the community on the recent proposals of wind turbines, I would like to strongly object to the construction of a Wind Farm at Maghermore Road, particularly when it is majorly against the will of the people.

1. The proposed height and number of turbines at 150m will completely dominate the landscape in that area of Banagher/Dungiven. Together with the associated infrastructure including external electricity transformers, crane hardstandings, underground cabling, control building, substation compound, energy storage area, newly created site entrance, new and upgraded on-site access tracks, turning heads and all other associated ancillary work which will present an unprecedented level of industrialisation to our landscape.
2. The proposal fails to establish any evidence for need for such a level of electricity generation in the Banagher area.
3. There will undoubtedly be environmental damage from the development. Any damage to peatland directly impacts our capacity to store carbon and water. The creation of trackways and turbine bases will impact private water supplies, drainage and run-off patterns from the development area that will impact the surrounding area. An additional loss of peat from increased run-off will quickly be lost from the land to the sea.
4. Banagher does not have the road infrastructure to cope with the movement of the component parts of the new turbines. The construction traffic movements will significantly impact resident and visitor ability to use the roads.
5. The development will undoubtedly impact the habitats of wild animals and bird species in the area.
6. The application cannot be judged in isolation from the other proposed wind farms planned for the adjacent areas of Dungiven. When viewed holistically the new developments will fundamentally alter the landscape panorama of our beautiful area. A predominantly rural landscape will be replaced with an industrial landscape.

I strongly urge that the views of the community are considered fairly and that this proposal is refused.

Yours sincerely,  
Gemma Brolly

Aontú Deputy Leader



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**From:** John McLaughlin  
**Sent:** 18 October 2023 22:48  
**To:** Planning  
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**To:** Planning  
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For context I am a Professor of Product Design and I lead a **£4.6m UKRI funding research awards for one of four Green Transition Ecosystems in the UK**, with four Universities and 30 companies including government partners. I support our drive for a greener society and the **NI Climate Action Plan 2022** among many other such policies. However, this proposal has significant issues and was actually raised by a senior stakeholder to me as topic of conversation last week in London (along with the Sperrin mining action plan) which disregard authentic citizen engagement. **Just citizen engagement is key to participatory democracy and societal rights and the basic principle that should underpin any such proposals.**

The Dungiven bypass proposal, which was recently realised has been in planning since 1979, for which I have a copy of the original plans. At last, this small rural town and its wider rural population, has the opportunity to thrive again. However these Windfarm proposals will have a profound impact on the location, the people and our wellbeing as outlined in our statement below.

Specifically regarding wellbeing, up until recently the body of scientific literature found that there were no physical health risks from windfarms. However, that's not surprising as these products were designed not to cause physical hearing damage. This is a false measure. The relationship with people is more complex and a **recent review study of 84 articles highlights variability of the affect on 'sleep disturbance, quality of life, and mental health problems'**, and identifying **more research is needed** (Freiberg et al 2019). More **recent studies have reported 'chronic anxiety' that is caused from both the constant irritation of background noise and the visual assault on the lanscape** (Karasmanaki, 2022). This new parameter of visual directly relates to the landscape which is a place of the people, their heritage, their culture and their identity. Other recent research has discovered that wind turbines cause secondary structural vibrations (Flemmer & Flemmer, 2022) which occur over distance where noise levels may rise again. Symptoms to such vibrations can include anxiety, depression, cognitive dysfunction and disrupted sleep. Again recommending more research is needed.

Furthermore it is common knowledge that offshore windfarms are much more efficient and avoid the potential conflicts with society and our natural environment. This proposal, while aligning with some of the aspirations of the NI Climate Action Plan also contradicts this policy damaging our **'Clean Environment' which is contextualised by DAERA (2022)** stating 'Our natural environment is one of our most important assets.'

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Please consider and respect the views of this community and the evidence provided and open a proper and just engagement with the people who would be impacted for the rest of their lives from this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Justin



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FAO: Glenn Doherty, Case Officer.

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Kind Regards,  
Martin Heaney

## Laura Crawford

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**Sent:** 18 October 2023 22:22  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Re. Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F - Magheramore windfarm.

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**From:** Save Benbradagh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 October 2023 09:54  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Maria Mullan  
**Subject:** LA01/2019/0922/F - Magheramore windfarm\_Request for Representation in Lieu of speaking  
**Attachments:** Objection\_Ref. LA01\_2019\_0922\_F\_Representation in lieu of speaking\_Glor Dhun Geimhin.docx; Dungiven Regeneration Plans\_McGarry Consultants\_Oct.2022.docx; Impact on Dungiven Heritage assets.pdf; Dungiven Regeneration Plans\_McGarry Consultants\_Oct.2022.docx; Dungiven Area\_Tourist Accommodation.pdf

name: Maria Mullan, Glor Dhun Geimhin

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Representation (in lieu of speaking) - to Causeway Coast and Glens Planning Committee

Proposal: Magheramore Wind farm

Reference: LA01/2019/0922/F

Item: 5.1

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Glor Dhun Geimhin - Statement of Objection

We write to register our absolute objection to the above application. We consider this proposal would cause immense damage to our area and heritage and wholeheartedly support the Planning Case Officers' recommendation for Refusal.

**Culture, heritage and connection with our landscape are a fundamental part of everyone's identity, irregardless of political persuasion. That this proposal would cause massive damage is reflected by the huge number of recent objections pouring in from all sides of the community. We very clearly add our voice to those objecting.**

#### **Who we are**

Glor Dhún Geimhin was established in 2008 as part of a wider network firstly within the Sperrins and secondly within the North of Ireland to promote our heritage through reviving Irish Language, Arts & Heritage in our local area. Our aim is to promote culture & economic development within the Dungiven area through delivering a programme of activities, classes and events showcasing all realms of our culture most importantly through Irish. Since 2008 the area has gained a stand-alone Gaelscoil with more than 150 children, the only Secondary IME provision outside Belfast with 350 students and a state of the art facility / venue to accommodate up to 300 people.

We are based in premises in Lower Main Street Dungiven, which consists of cafe, concert hall, meeting rooms, self catering accommodation for 26 people (families and groups who come to the area from as far away as Belfast and Donegal to partake in cultural events). We run outreach and youth programmes in connection with and are connected to many Irish Schools, both locally and as far afield as Belfast . We run weekly youth workshops, community classes for health and wellbeing, and host larger cultural events in our hall. We promote and respect the preservation of heritage and culture as an intrinsic part of all identities.

Like many within the community the true impact of this proposal has only come to our attention very recently. We are alarmed at the impact it would have on the character and setting of Dungiven, on outlying areas and key approaches, and on our Sperrins landscape, The Roe valley Basin, and local monuments and heritage.

In addition to the points raised in the Planning Report we would like to add the points below as further reasons this application should be refused:-

### **1. Glor Dhun Geimhin Heritage Trail**

Many heritage features listed in the Glor Dhun Geimhin Heritage Trail - a project developed and supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme (map attached) - will be adversely impacted:- namely Dungiven Castle, Dungiven Standing Stone, Dungiven Castle Gardens and Dungiven Old Priory. These heritage assets are integral to the town's identity, and are listed on key historical and tourism websites.

<https://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/things-to-do/glor-dhun-geimhin-heritage-trail-p805771>

### **2. Dungiven Standing Stone**

Dungiven Standing Stone (LDY025:004) – is a very important, popular and cherished heritage asset, primarily viewed from the cemetery of St.Patrick's Church. Teeavan Hill is the outlook of this monument, and the proposed windfarm would be highly visible and dominate and detract from appreciation of this monument. No impact assessment has been carried out

### **3. Dungiven Castle and Dungiven Castle Gardens**

Failure to properly assess impact of the proposal on Dungiven Castle when requested to do so by HED. Dungiven Castle is a key part of the local built heritage, centrally located and prominent within and on many approaches to the town, and is highly treasured by the local community. Currently used as an Irish Language school, the building hosts various evening and weekend classes and workshops, and larger community events such as the Derry Fleadh in June 2023; it also features in regular television broadcasts. The proposed development would adversely impact the Castle's elevated position, its hierarchy and connection to the surrounding Sperrins, views from within the town and the approach from the Garvagh Road, its relationship to the Main Street and future plans to strengthen this connection via a civic square at this frontage connecting through to the Castle Gardens. No visualisation has been prepared to demonstrate impact -

<https://www.mcgarryconsult.com/dungivenregeneration>

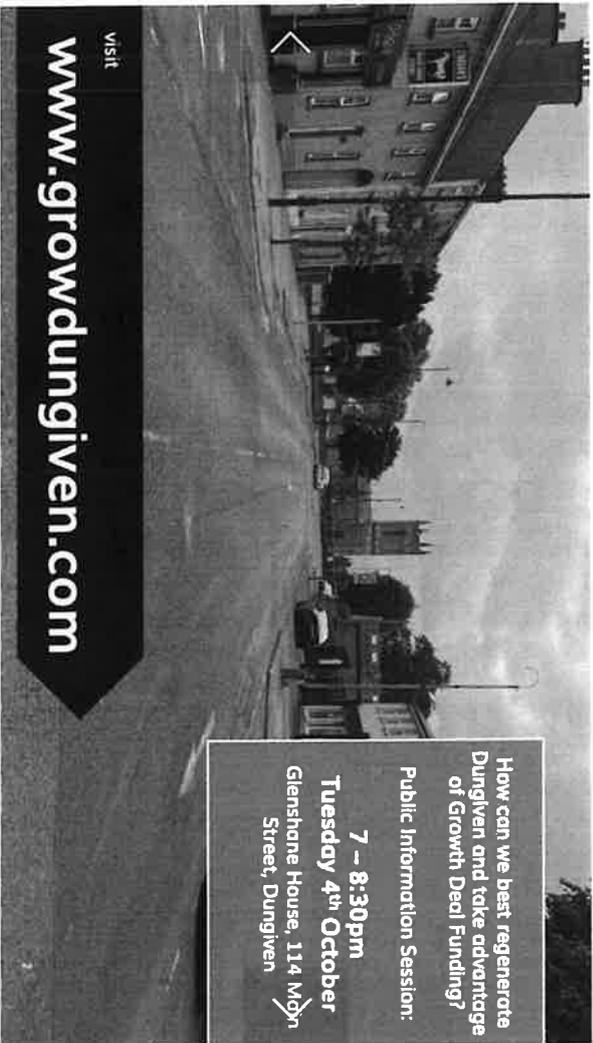
### **4. Wider impact on local businesses and tourism**

Tourism in all its forms is a vital source of income to our rural area, with 420+ bedspaces within a 4.5mile radius of Dungiven. This represents as large hotel. There has been no objective tourism impact assessment carried out by the developer. The onus should be on the developer to demonstrate evidence of non-impact, not the Planners or the local community.

Thank you for reading our concerns. We cannot state strongly enough our objection to this proposal and we ask the Committee to refuse it.

Thank you.

**Maria Mullan** (chairperson)

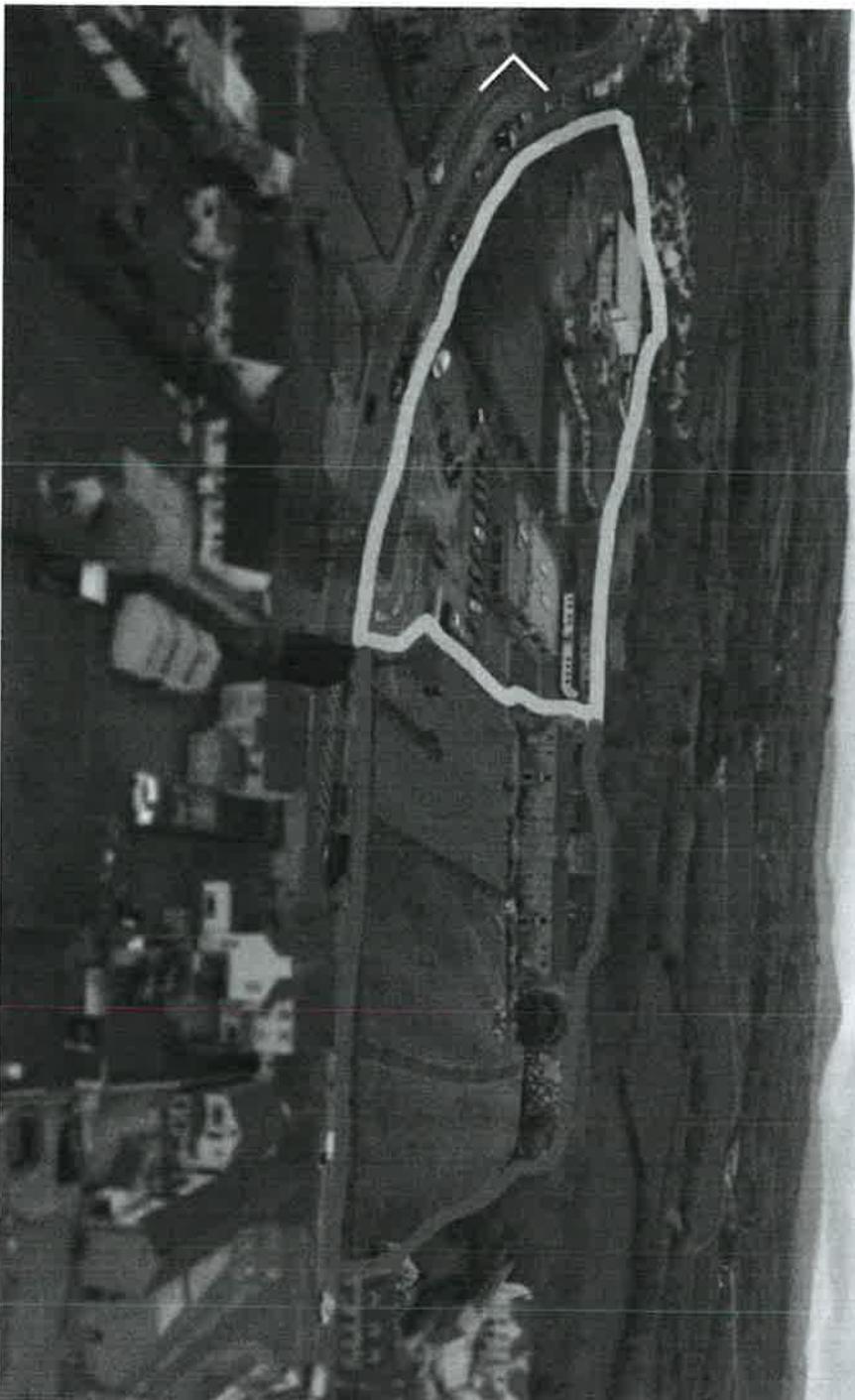


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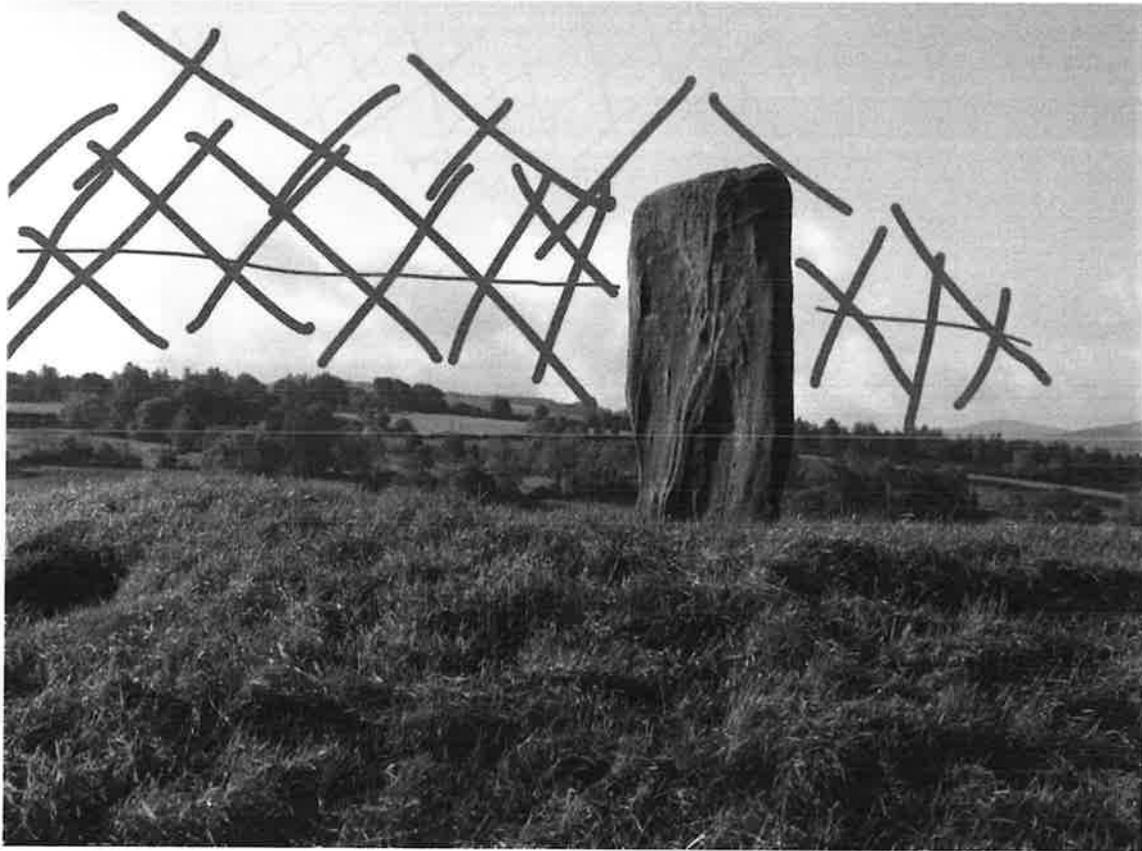


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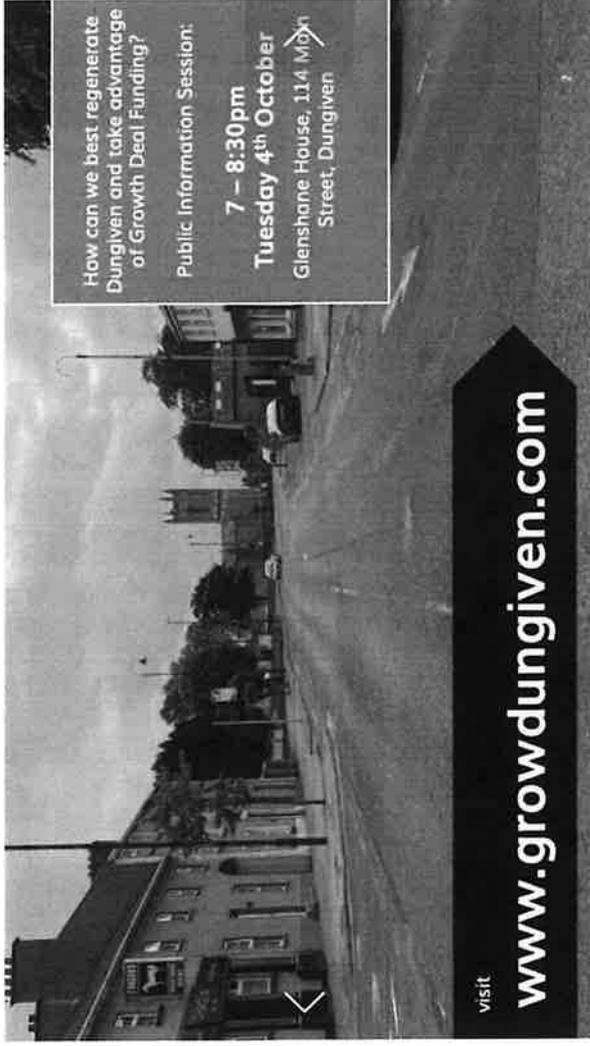


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Dungiven Standing Stone\_with Teeavan Hill in backdrop behind - where the proposal is located.



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25	Ballyquin House BnB plus 1 unit self catering 420 Ballyquin Road, Dungiven							x						own site trip advisor







### 10 - HUNGER STRIKERS MONUMENT

Here is the monument to the ten hunger strikers who died in 1981 including Kevin Lynch who came from Dungiven and is buried in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church cemetery. There was a gathering at this site every evening during this traumatic period to keep vigil and pray for the hunger strikers.

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### 9 - THE OGILBY SCHOOL

In 1824 Mr Robert Ogilby of Pellipar Estate built a school beside the Church of Ireland Parish Church on Chapel Road. He gave £100 annually for its upkeep. In 1848 it was renamed The Church Education Society School. By 1880 it had become known as Dungiven National School. Children were educated here until 1936. In the same year the children transferred to a new Public and Technical Elementary School which was built 300 yards to the east. It closed in 2008. This was redeveloped in 2014 to accommodate Irish Medium Education for the Gaelscoil Neachtain. The old school building was bought by the Church of Ireland in 1936 and is used today as a Church Hall.

### 8 - THE CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH CHURCH

The church was built in 1816 in the shape of a Greek Cross. Neo-Gothic in style, it was built of local sandstone from Altmover. It was the second church to be built on the site. In the cemetery can be found the names of important local families including Ogilby, Dallas and Hazlett.

### 7 - STANDING STONE, ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

The Standing Stone situated above the graveyard of St Patrick's Church is said to be the marker for an Ecclesiastical gathering that took place in AD 590. St Columba was present at this gathering. Others included St Canice who lived locally.

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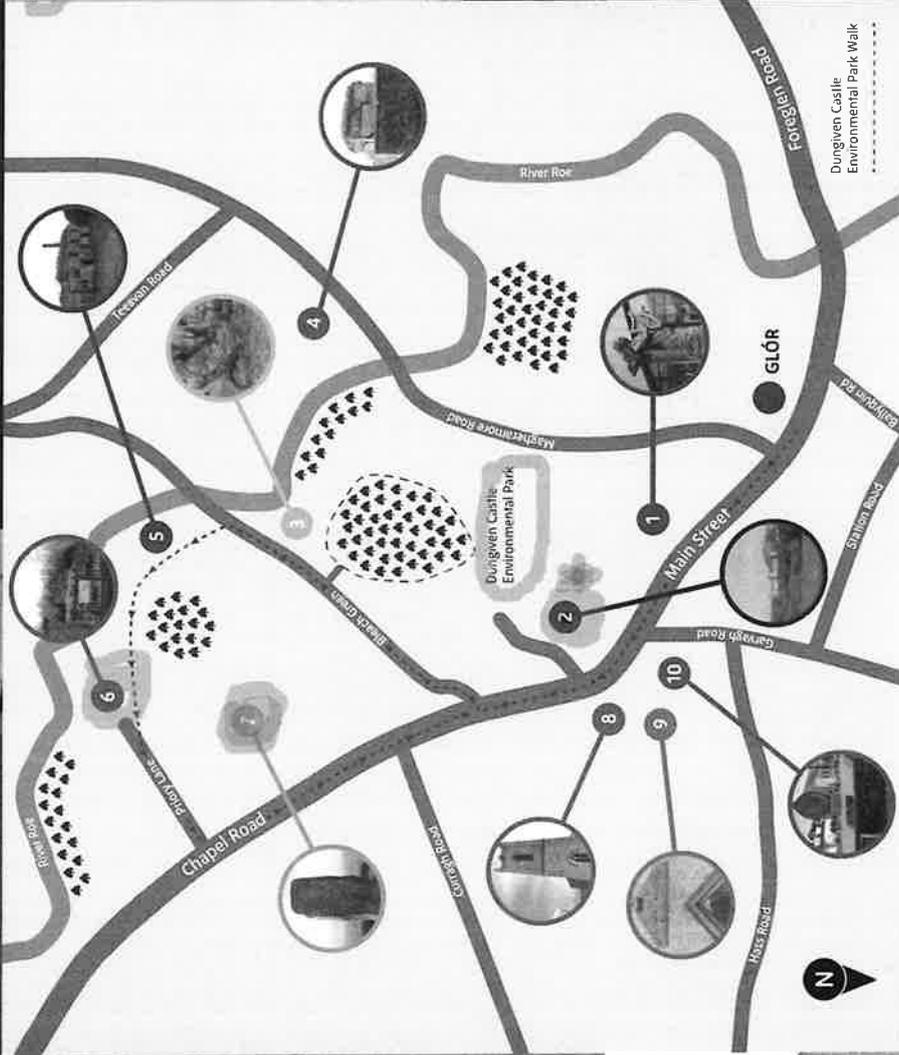
### 1 - THE FINVOLA SCULPTURE

Outside Dungiven Library there is a bronze sculpture of Finvola, The Gem of the Roe, which was created by Maurice Haron. It was installed on the 30th January 2013. It recalls the story of Dermot O'Caahans daughter, who married Angus Mc Donald and went to live on the Isle of Islay. It is a wild romantic story that highlights the close bonds between the North of Ireland and the Western Isles of Scotland.

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### 2 - DUNGIVEN CASTLE

In 1839 Robert Ogilby rebuilt the castle as it stands today. During WWII, Dungiven Castle housed the US Army. During the 1950s and 1960s it was used as a dance hall before falling into such a state of disrepair that the local council decided to demolish it. A local pressure group fought these plans and in 1989 Glenshane Community Development bought the castle planning to redevelop the property. Funding was sought and provided by various bodies. In March 2001 Dungiven Castle was reopened to provide budget accommodation. It now houses the second Irish Medium Secondary School in Northern Ireland, Gaelscoiláiste Dhoire, which was established in 2015.



The Heritage Trail starts and ends at the Glór Hall which includes a short audio visual presentation and where you can find out more about the local area. It is recommended that you wear suitable footwear and appropriate clothing. Some of the trail is unsuitable for wheelchairs and buggy users. For further details please ask at reception.

You should allow up to 2 hours to complete the Trail.

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A project supported by the European Union's PEACE IV Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

### 3 - TOBAIR BHADRAIG - PATRICK'S WELL

It is thought that this well was founded by St Patrick on his mission inspired by the 5th Century to bring Christianity to the Pagan Irish. The well has been a place of pilgrimage for hundreds of years. Stories of its many cures, are still to be heard in the area.

From this same viewing spot you can see the well.

### 4 - WORLD WAR II DEFENCE POST

Situated on the south side of the River Roe, 150 yards from the Cavan Bridge. It was built by the Northern Ireland Government in the 1940s as a defence in case of a German invasion. It was manned by the local defence force, known as the Home Guard.

### 5 - ROSS'S MILL

The ruins of Ross's Mill are situated between the Priory and the River Roe. Since the early 18th century, linen was an important source of income in the Roe Valley including Dungiven. Before the decline of linen production, Ross's Mill had adopted a new technology which had little time to make an impact as the mill closed down in 1948. Two Belgian entrepreneurs, Augustine de Camille and Julius Bevernage, arrived at the mill in 1940. They installed a process whereby green flax was first deseeded and then put into hot water tanks in which it was boiled for three days. It was then spread out on the greens to dry, then sculched and sent to be finished in the linen mills of Belfast. Augustine de Camille married a Dungiven girl, Annie McHenry. They are buried in St Patrick's Church cemetery.

### 6 - DUNGIVEN PRIORY AND O'CAHANS TOMB

It is thought that there was a pre-Norman monastery at this site by AD 700. An Augustinian Monastery had been built here by 1200 and in 1397 the Archbishop of Armagh reconsecrated the church, supposedly after a blood crime had been committed. Children of wealthy families, from as far away as Scotland and France were educated here. In the 16th century the O'Caahans used the priory as a stronghold. O'Caahans Tomb is a magnificent sculpture in the Chancel of the Priory. Although quite heavily restored it is unique in Northern Ireland. It is said to be the tomb of Cooghy-na-Gall O'Caahon, a Chieftain, who died in 1385. The figures surrounding the tomb are said to be Gallowglass warriors.

During the late 1970s and early 1980s there were archaeological excavations at the priory. This revealed the location of Captain Iliar Sir Edward Doodingdon's house, completed by 1611. Doodingdon was Agent for The Skinners Company.



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**Laura Crawford**

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**From:** Murrough O'Kane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2023 20:38  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** OBJECTION to Magheramore Windfarm – Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F

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**NO** - to windfarms on sensitive, key landscapes!

Murrough O'Kane

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3. The Sperrins ONB - the tops of the blades of the proposed wind turbines will be 420 to 460m AOD, higher than most of the immediately surrounding mountains (390-407m AOD) and thus the windfarm will become the key dominant visual feature in the area, destroying and upsetting the current natural composition of Sperrins, and damaging the overall high scenic quality.
4. The proposal (with tops of blades at 420 to 460m) will dominate and compete with Benbradagh, the current highest landmark, whose ridgeline is 410m AOD rising to 465m at its summit.
5. The whole south elevation/ edge of the Roe Valley Basin, visible for miles, offering wide sweeping views of the proposed windfarm, all of which have not been properly assessed. The tops of the blades of the proposed turbines will be 420 to 460m AOD, higher than the immediately surrounding Sperrins mountains. The windfarm will become the key dominant visual feature and detract from the current high scenic quality of the southern 'elevation' of the whole Roe Basin and key landmarks.
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See photos in body of email to demonstrate all of the above.

Name: Save Benbradagh Group

## Laura Crawford

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**From:** Save Benbradagh [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 October 2023 10:06  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Re: OBJECTION to Magheramore Windfarm – Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F  
**Attachments:** Dungiven Area\_Tourist Accommodation.pdf

Hi,  
Please also attached the document below, to be read together with our previous email just sent.  
Thank you,  
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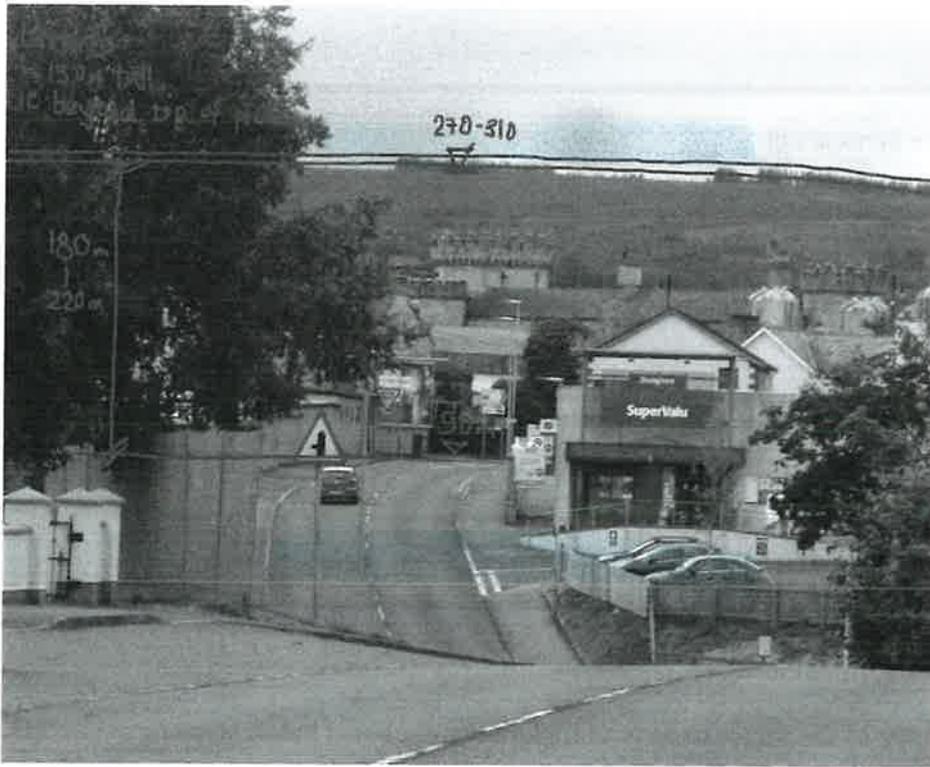
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**Views within the town.....**





Impact on Dungiven Castle on approach coming in from Legavallon Road



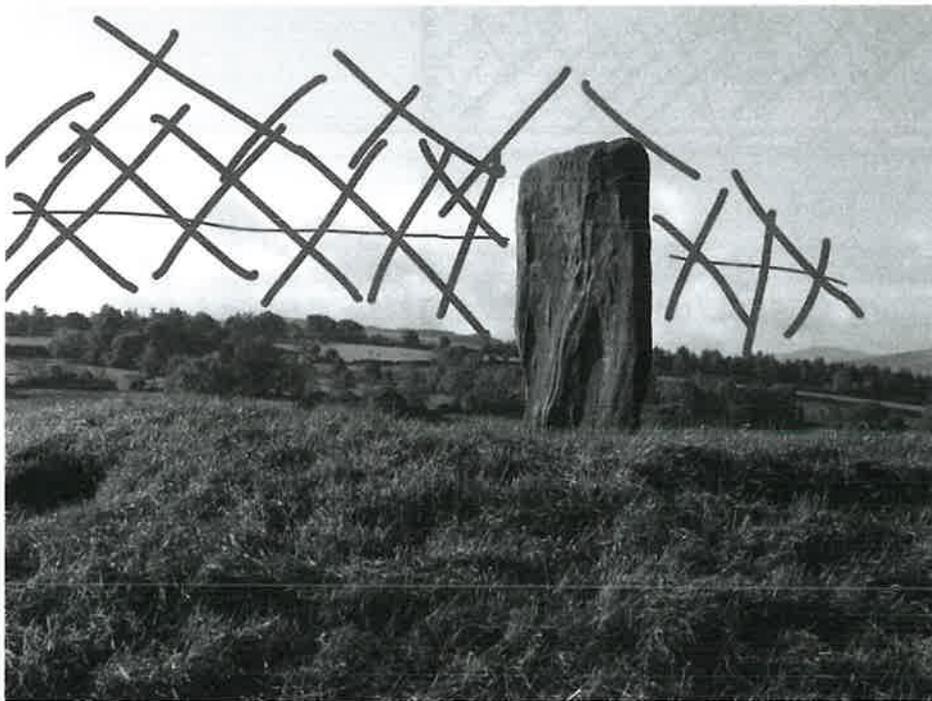
Impact on Garvagh Road/ Station Road roundabout



Backdrop to whole of town - view of Main Street from Ballyquin Road



View at Bleach Green Lane

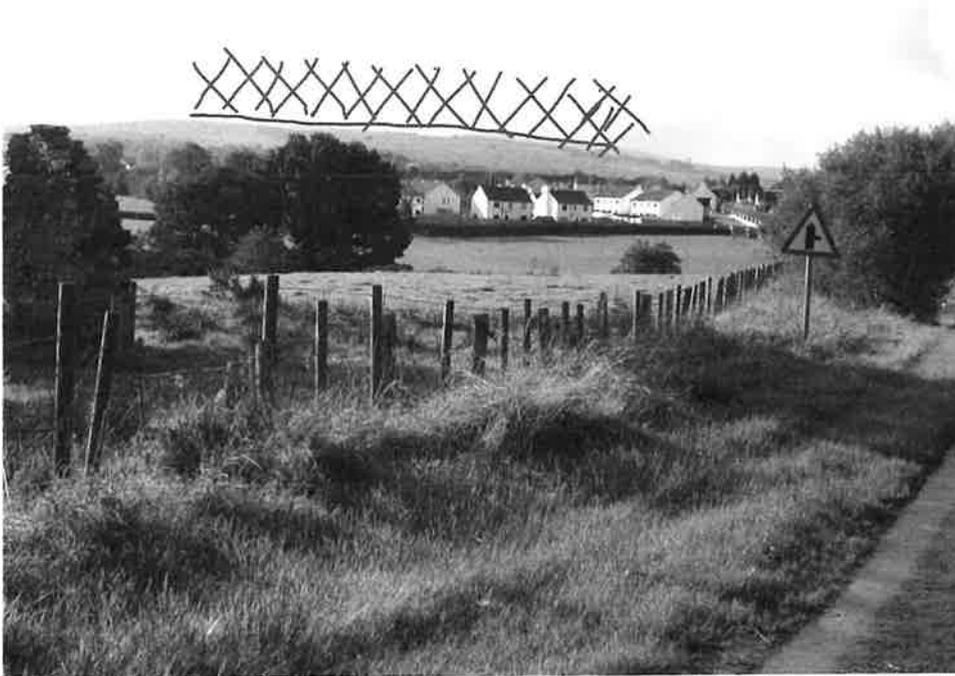


Dungiven Chapel - backdrop to standing stone and graveyard

#### Views and impact on key approaches to the town....



View/ impact on Glenshane Road (A6) just before Corrick Road junction, coming into Dungiven.



View/ impact coming into Dungiven on Legavallon Road from Drumsurn, Glenullin, Garvagh, and Coleraine areas

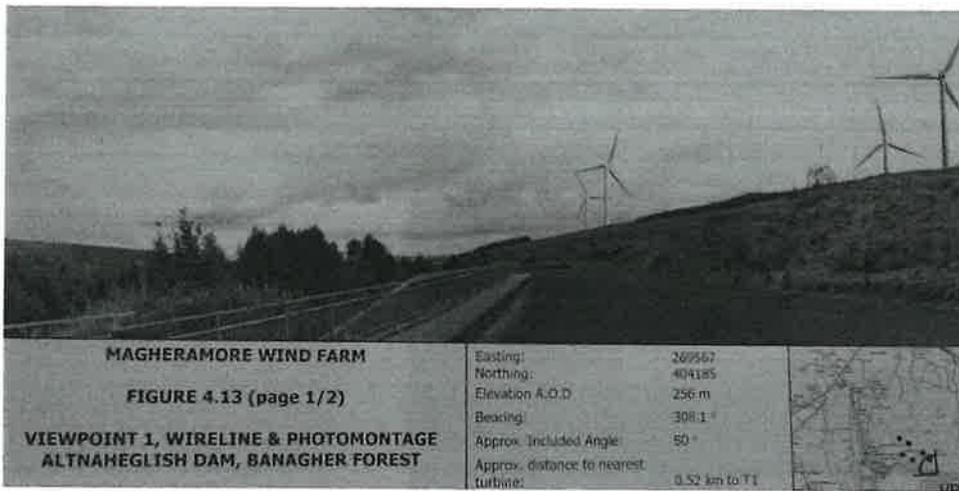


View along whole of Ballyquin Road/ whole of Roe Valley Basin, when travelling to Dungiven area from Limavady

**Views and impact on Banagher Glen Nature Reserve walk**



Banagher Glen Dam walk



Map showing proximity of turbine to Banagher Glen footpath, dam and ancient oak woodland.



# Dungiven and Surrounding Areas - TOURIST ACCOMMODATION PROVISION

No.	Property/ address/ web links	Accommodation type				No. bed spaces and type, plus cost options	websites each property is listed on										
		Caravan campsite	Glamping	BnB	Air BnB detached		Air BnB room only	Booking.com	Air BnB	Discover NI	CC and Glens	NI selfcatering	Other (detail)				
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I wish to object to this wind farm development. It will ruin the residential amenity enjoyed at our home because it will dominate the views from the main rooms in the house. The noise and shadow flicker impacts will also be extreme at our property. The proposed turbines will overwhelm the landscape and cause serious harm to the countryside character. This is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that should be protected. The development will harm tourism in the area too and will harm the setting of our important historic monuments. Please refuse this development and protect our environment. Yours sincerely Karen Miller

I wish to record my objection to the proposed wind farm at Magheramore Road, Dungiven. This is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the intrusion of a wind farm is not acceptable from many points of view. This proposal would have an environmental impact on our area never mind destroy the natural beauty of the landscape. I am also extremely concerned about the wild life in the surrounding area as I know there would be a certain amount of noise from the turbines which would ultimately have a huge effect on the wild life in the area. I genuinely feel that the proposal for these wind turbines are in the wrong area completely and will only be an eyesore for not only myself and my neighbours but for the whole outlying Dungiven area. I would suggest that this proposal be refused.

I want to record my objection to the proposed Wind Farm. This is the most beautiful part of the Sperrins and should not be destroyed by unsightly wind turbines which will destroy the landscape and do damage to the environment. This part of the Dungiven area should remain as it is so that the local residents and visitors can enjoy the peace and quiet and we have. Please refuse this proposal.

I want to record my objection to the proposed Wind Farm at Magheramore Road. As this is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and I feel it would be an insult to the people in the Dungiven area to have such a Wind Farm imposed upon them. The environmental impact of the proposal should be seriously considered as well as the visual impact this would have in the surrounding area. Surely the only decision to make would be to reject this proposal!

I wish to register my objection to the proposed Wind Farm at Magheramore. This is the area in which I grew up and am intending to return to in the future. The whole idea of these very large turbines is something that disturbs me greatly. We have the most beautiful landscape in this part of the Sperrins and visitors from many parts of the world come to walk to Banagher Dam and also visit other historic buildings etc in the Dungiven area. The environmental impact this would have should be given serious consideration. The noise that generates from turbines would seriously ruin the wild life in the area as we now know it. Please refuse this proposal.

I wish to record my objection to the proposed Wind Farm at Magheramore Road, Dungiven. I am very opposed to the idea of these large wind turbines being situated on this site. This is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and as such should not be destroyed by turbines! We also have a wonderful wild life area there and I feel everything should be done to preserve this aspect of our community. This proposal will not only have an impact on the local residents but there are lots of visitors who come especially to walk to Banagher Dam to enjoy the peace and tranquility, this would obviously be taken away by the imposition of wind turbines! Dungiven Castle is also a unique historic building in Dungiven and these wind turbines would be visible from it and ultimately destroy the beauty of the town. I am requesting that the proper decision of rejection be taken in this instance.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 October 2023 09:31  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection: Proposed Maheramore Windfarm

**Re. Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F - Magheramore windfarm.**

The Sperrins are one of the few wilderness areas left in NI. I use the area for recreational purposes and consider that the proposed wind farm will spoil the character of the area for ever and make a very small impact on global warming. The UK is currently responsible for 1.1% of emissions ( and Ni c 0.02%) while China which is still commissioning new coal fired power stations over 30%.

Anything we do is relatively meaningless and windfarms are not only an inefficient and unreliable way of generating alternative greener energy but create recycling challenges when they are de-commissioned.

Friends from the local area have described the adverse impact on the area and I agree that this outweighs any marginal advantage to a 'greener future' that the wind farm would bring.:

1. Dungiven and its setting/ Teeavan Hill is the southerly backdrop.
2. On the hugely popular Banagher Glen Nature Reserve which is a key and hugely popular amenity and leisure/ walking/ cycling area for locals and visitors from all over.
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Dear Ms Olphert

**LA01/2019/0922/F – Magheramore Wind Farm**

**OBJECTION**

Further to my comments uploaded to the Planning Portal earlier this week, I request you consider other views during your assessment. Please find a plan and streetview images attached which illustrate three of the key viewpoints.

**A – Glenshane Road**

In Northern Irish terms the Glenshane Pass is an iconic part of the strategic road network because it gives many people a glimpse of a wild area of the Sperrin uplands every day, including international visitors and tourists. Unfortunately, part of the landscape of the Glenshane Pass has already been spoiled by the new turbines at Evisagaran which break the horizon and seriously undermine the quality of the landscape when traveling from the Ponderosa to the corner of the road at Altakeeran Burn. I did not foresee the fact the Evisagaran turbines would appear over the horizon, but it is most unfortunate that this has occurred. Even at night, the red lights on the turbines are alarming and they seriously harm the character. Nonetheless, when travelling to Dungiven, after the Quarry the view down the Roe valley is very extremely picturesque due to the relationship of the steep-sided farmed valley with many mature trees, and the uplands beyond. Teeavan Hill is the prominent backdrop of this attractive transient view.

The proposed Magheramore development would greatly add to the very negative impacts caused by Evisagaran by ensuring there is an inescapable presence of near-hand turbines all along on the Glenshane Pass. The proposed turbines would be prominent in the transient views along the road. Their large scale would spoil the countryside character, by overwhelming the scale of the landscape and diminishing the visual presence of the Sperrin hills and the Roe valley landscape.

I have chosen a viewpoint near the Corrick Road junction (A) because it is representative of the open views to Teeavan Hill over the Roe valley. I believe this view is a highly important consideration. The

turbines would utterly change the landscape in this view and would cause dramatic changes to the AONB landscape. This is a highly valuable part of the AONB which the proposal would demonstrably harm, the proposal should be refused on the basis of the harm caused to this transient viewpoint.

### **B – Garvagh Road, Dungiven town**

There are important views towards Teeavan Hill from Dungiven and I have chosen one of the key public viewpoints on Garvagh Road. From here the hill forms the horizon and is seen above the turrets and the distinctive crenellations on Dungiven Castle. I request that you study this viewpoint, because I have no doubt the turbines would significantly harm the visual & landscape setting when viewed from here, including the appreciation of the Castle itself. The turbines would tower over the hill above the town and would become a dominant feature of the view and would change the setting of Dungiven.

In reality, there would be transient views of the turbines when travelling southwards along different parts of Garvagh Road, from where the turbines would be straight ahead and would appear high over the town. Indeed, there would be very prominent views of these massive turbines when travelling the whole way along Legavallon Road towards Dungiven.

### **C – New A6 Road**

The views from the new A6 Road are important, but the applicant fails to consider these. The turbines would be highly prominent in views from the road when travelling in both directions along the road, indeed the turbines would redefine the local countryside setting and the appreciation of Dungiven's AONB setting. Travelling eastwards, Dungiven is synonymous with Benbradagh, which forms an iconic backdrop to the town. The view I have chosen is close to the new Feeny Road junction, where Teevan Hill is prominent and marks the edge of the Sperrin uplands.

If hilltop turbines were imposed in this view, they would entirely change the appreciation of the scale of the landscape because the height of turbines would be large compared to the hill itself, which would have the effect of flattening the landscape and undermining the scenic drama of the landscape. At present the view is relatively unspoilt and remote. The introduction of turbines would entirely change the character of the place and they would have an overbearing presence in this view.

Similar to the other viewpoints, I believe this is a transient view and therefore I ask you to travel the new A6 in both directions to consider the impacts, including the short-range views close to Dungiven and the long-range views when travelling on the new A6 from Claudy.

### **Other views**

As mentioned in my earlier objection, there are other critical views from the roads around Dungiven, for example on Ballyquin Road, Drumrane Road, Feeny Road, Legavallon Road, and Glenedra Road. In key viewpoints from many and various locations in the area the turbines would seriously harm the character of the landscape and would totally change the ambience of the place. In my opinion, the applicant's EIA tries to underreport the scale and nature of the impacts and the assessment is not objective. The views selected by the applicant are not truly representative and I trust that you will not rely on them.

Once again, I urge the applicant to prepare photomontages from the genuine critical viewpoints in the area. I ask the applicant to be honest about the qualities of the receiving environmental and the impacts the development would have on the AONB, the impacts on setting of Dungiven, and the harm the development would cause to the special scenic qualities of the Roe Valley.

### **Community Benefits**

I understand that it is normal for wind energy developers to include a community benefits package as part of their development proposals. However, in recent times I have heard that this developer has refused to propose an equivalent fund for our local community. Please can you confirm if this is correct.

Without prejudice to my strong objections in principle, I find it astonishing and disrespectful that this developer considers it acceptable to treat our local community with contempt. We would never be bought off, but the developer should have the decency to have treat us in the same way as other local communities near wind farms.

### **FEI Materials**

Your recent letter stated that there are new FEI materials, which I wasn't aware of until now. Although you said these are in Dungiven Library, they are definitely not available there. Please confirm if I need to visit your office, or if I should be able to find these documents in the library. Please also confirm the timescale for me responding to the FEI submissions.

### **Conclusion**

I am disappointed that the developer has ignored my requests for more photomontages, but I guess they don't want to reveal the true magnitude of harm that the development would cause.

We treasure this place; it is an important and valuable landscape that ought to be protected for the public good. Although renewable energy is essential, there is an important balance to be struck between more electricity generation and environmental protection. In this case, the visual and landscape harm would be of a very high magnitude, the harm greatly outweighs the benefits.

I continue to object, and I trust you will seriously consider my points and will reassess my request for a more thorough consideration of the views.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Christina Ross





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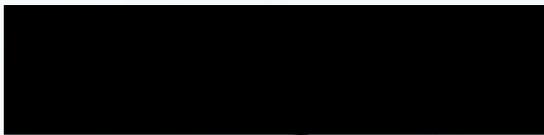
Dear Planning Department

**RE: Application Reference: LA01/2019/0922/F – Magheramore Wind Farm**

As members of the Dungiven community, we have deep concerns regarding the proposed construction of a wind farm of turbines within the Magheramore area adjacent to Banagher Dam and Banagher Glen, an area of AONB. So many turbines will not only damage tourism but will have a serious detrimental visual impact as well as the negative effect on wildlife. Dungiven area and specifically the Sperrin mountains have been impacted with both individual wind turbines and clusters of them.

Whilst we are in favour of renewable energy, our concerns relate to the unacceptable adverse impact on the visual amenity and landscape character due to the sensitivity of the landscape within the Sperrins AONB.

Yours faithfully



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**Subject:** Re. Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F - Magheramore windfarm

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**Laura Crawford**

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**Subject:** OBJECTION to Magheramore Windfarm - Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F

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I object outright to the above application due to the adverse impact it will have on character of Dungiven and surrounding areas, the Sperrins AONB, Banagher Glen and Dam, throughout the Roe Valley Basin, and the A6 and Glenshane; and historical sites and tourism in the area. I am only learning of the application just now and it's impact, primarily due to the lack of visualisations provided by the applicant demonstrating the impact the windfarm will have on the area.

**NO** - to windfarms on sensitive, key landscapes!

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Representation - to Causeway Coast and Glens Planning Committee

Proposal: Magheramore Wind farm

Reference: LA01/2019/0922/F

Item: 5.1

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Groogans Boutique & Lifestyle Store, 109 Main Street Dungiven - Statement of Objection

I write to further register our absolute objection to the above application . We consider this proposal would cause immense damage to our area, local business, heritage and wholeheartedly support the Planning Case Officers' recommendation for Refusal.

**Culture, heritage and connection with our landscape are a fundamental part of everyone's identity, regardless of political persuasion. That this proposal would cause massive damage is reflected by the huge number of recent objections pouring in from all sides of the community. We very clearly add our voice to those objecting.**

Groogans is a long established family business in Dungiven. My name is Karen Groogan, and after a successful career as a buyer in Dublin, working for Brown Thomas and Aer Lingus, I moved back home to Dungiven in 2017, to take over the business, and modernise the shop in-line with customer needs today. I have worked hard to establish the shop, not only as a one stop destination catering for all the local people of Dungiven, but I have worked to establish Groogans as a one-stop destination shop for affordable luxury beyond the local area. I rely heavily on out of town trade, and I do very well from people on a day trip to Dungiven and the surrounding areas, and from people who have travelled to Dungiven for a leisure break.

The introduction of the windmills at Magheramore, and the ruining of our beautiful courtyards, will without a doubt deter people from making the trip to Dungiven. We will become a town surrounded by unsightly windmills, which will ruin our skyline, kill our wildlife, and crush our towns spirit.

Dungiven is a hard town, with the bottom and middle of the Main Street very run-down, our town is a victim of its proximity to Derry and the bigger chain shops there. For too long people travelled to Derry for their shopping, rather than shop locally. However, myself, in partnership with other shops in the town, we have worked hard to change this mindset in Dungiven, by running events to encourage people to shop local, and running family friendly events in Dungiven to re-establish a community creating a buzz of business activity on Dungiven's Main Street. And I believe we have been successful in bringing the Main Street of Dungiven back to life again.

Our biggest asset, and our biggest source of pride is the natural beauty of Dungiven and its surrounds. I now get a lot of customers from Derry city, Belfast, Armagh, Tyrone and even further afield, who make the journey out to Dungiven, to visit Groogans and the other local shops. Time and time again, people remark on how beautiful an area Dungiven is. Too often when you live amongst it, there is a temptation to take the natural beauty for granted, being away from Dungiven for so long, this is something I do not do, and given my interaction with people in the shop on a daily basis, I know there is a very strong feeling locally against [REDACTED]

Like many within the community the true impact of this proposal has only come to our attention very recently. We are alarmed at the impact it would have on the character and setting of Dungiven, on outlying areas and key approaches, and on our Sperrins landscape, The Roe valley Basin, and local monuments and heritage. I would lose the destination traffic into the shop, which I have worked so hard to build up.

Our local bars and restaurants would lose the tourist and visiting trade also, making them unsustainable, and therefore leaving the locals with no where to socialise, leaving it a very undesirable place to live, killing our community. Dungiven will lose out to Limavady, and Derry once more, as the presence of windmills will make Dungiven less desirable and less competitive, no matter how the wind companies try and dress this up, there is no win in this for Dungiven as a whole

In addition to the points raised in the Planning Report we would like to add the points below as further reasons this application should be refused:-

### **1. Dungiven Standing Stone**

Dungiven Standing Stone (LDY025:004) – is a very important, popular and cherished heritage asset, primarily viewed from the cemetery of St.Patricks Church. Teeavan Hill is the outlook of this monument, and the proposed windfarm would be highly visible and dominate and detract from appreciation of this monument. No impact assessment has been carried out - [REDACTED]

### **2. Dungiven Castle and Dungiven Castle Gardens**

Failure to properly assess impact of the proposal on Dungiven Castle when requested to do so by HED. Dungiven Castle is a key part of the local built heritage, centrally located and prominent within and on many approaches to the town, and is highly treasured by the local community. Currently used as an Irish Language school, the building hosts various evening and weekend classes and workshops, and larger community events such as the Derry Fleadh in June 2023; it also features in regular television broadcasts. The proposed development would adversely impact the Castle's elevated position, its hierarchy and connection to the surrounding Sperrins, views from within the town and the approach from the Garvagh Road, its relationship to the Main Street and future plans to strengthen this connection via a civic square at this frontage connecting through to the Castle Gardens. No visualisation has been prepared to demonstrate impact - [REDACTED]

<https://www.mcgarryconsult.com/dungivenregeneration>

### **3. Wider impact on local businesses and tourism**

Tourism in all its forms is a vital source of income to our rural area, with 420+ bedspaces within a 4.5mile radius of Dungiven. This represents as large hotel. There has been no objective tourism impact assessment carried out by the developer. The onus should be on the developer to demonstrate evidence of non-impact, not the Planners or the local community.

Thank you for reading our concerns. We cannot state strongly enough our objection to this proposal and we ask the Committee to refuse it.

Thank you.

**Karen Groogan – Owner Proprietor of Groogans**

## Gemma McAuley

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**Sent:** 23 October 2023 22:18  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** OBJECTION to Magheramore Windfarm – Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F

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**NO** - to windfarms on our Sperrins landscapes 😞

**NO** - to renewables that cause damage to our historical sites and heritage 😞

I support the Planners recommendations to Refuse this application.

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I would like object to the windfarm in Magheramore Dungiven as a resident of Dungiven I do not agree

Leanne kerlin

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This area of natural beauty is home to many endangered species whose habitat would be irreversibly destroyed with 1. the construction work of windmills and 2. the presence of windmills distorting the nature and natural environment. The area is very popular for family walks to keep mentally and physically healthy- this too would be negatively impacted by the construction work and presence of these windmills.

I object to these plans as I feel the area of Dungiven and the countryside surrounding should be preserved to the wildlife and ecology that currently exists within the area. Another point would be the fact that those with sensory issues would find the noise off the turbines to be extremely overwhelming. The landscape of Dungiven and its outer reaches are of natural beauty, so I find that interfering in what nature had intended to be abhorrent and wrong. I appreciate that wind energy is a valuable resource but not to the detriment of the countryside, which offers beautiful scenery.

I am objecting to the construction of this windfarm as I feel it will be an eyesore in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

I object

Please do not put these wind turbines in a place of such natural beauty

I strongly object for planning this project as it will affect the town of dungiven and surrounding areas as the noise will affect people and also the air it will annoy the birds lives in terms of waking up an all. I do think this is not on because it is not fair as the area is so local and if u do this you will wreak the history of it and the aftermath of this as at the min in terms of living crisis as people will not b able to pay for electricity as this will affect people as well .

I commend the excellent work undertaken by the planning officer team in arriving at the recommendation to refuse this harmful development. I also note the large number of objections made by the local community which demonstrates widespread and growing opposition. In addition to the concerns raised already, it should be noted that approval would set an unwelcome precedent in this part of the untouched Sperrin AONB. The visual and landscape harm would be transformative, and it would degrade the area in a manner that would open the door for successive new developments that would utterly destroy the established character. I refute the developer's suggestion that the development would lead to lower energy prices for local people. This claim is unsupported by any evidence and the developer has not set any form of price cap. Nothing in the proposal is directly targeted at supporting the local community. This is an unsustainable and very harmful development and I add my voice to the call for refusal. Yours faithfully William Ross

Save our countryside and green space of outstanding natural beauty

## Laura Crawford

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**From:** Ciaran Farren [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 October 2023 13:42  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** OBJECTION to Magheramore Windfarm – Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F

I object outright to the above application due to the adverse impact it will have on character of Dungiven and surrounding areas, the Sperrins AONB, Banagher Glen Nature Reserve and Dam, throughout the Roe Valley Basin, and the A6 and Glenshane; and heritage sites and tourism in the area.

I am only learning of the application just now and it's damaging impacts, primarily due to the lack of visualisations provided by the applicant demonstrating the true impact the windfarm will have.

NO - to renewables that will cause damage to sensitive and important landscapes, historical sites and heritage

I support the Planners recommendations to REFUSE this application.

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**From:** Margaret McCloskey [REDACTED]  
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## **OBJECTION to Magheramore Windfarm – Application Ref: LA01/2019/0922/F**

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I hope that my concerns, as detailed below, and those of others being expressed just now, will be given due and proper/ equal consideration.

My concerns are regarding the huge adverse impact the proposed development will have on:

1. Dungiven - it's character and setting - Teeavan Hill where the proposed development is sited, is the southern backdrop for the whole of Dungiven.
2. Key heritage features such as Dungiven Castle, Standing Stone, and Banagher Old Church, various archaeological monuments and stone circles, and Glor Dhun Geimhin Heritage Trail, (all of these are also identified as Tourism assets).
3. The Sperrins AONB - the tops of the blades of the proposed wind turbines will be 420 to 460m AOD, higher than most of the immediately surrounding mountains (390-407m AOD) and thus the windfarm will become the key dominant visual feature in the area, destroying and upsetting the current natural composition of Sperrins, and damaging the overall high scenic quality.
4. The proposal (with tops of blades at 420 to 460m AOD) will dominate and compete with Benbradagh, the highest and most striking landmark in the wider area, whose ridgeline is 410m AOD rising to 465m at its summit.
5. The whole south elevation/ edge of the Roe Valley Basin, visible for miles, offering wide sweeping views of the proposed windfarm - all of which have not been properly assessed. The tops of the blades of the proposed turbines will be 420 to 460m AOD, higher than the immediately surrounding Sperrin mountains. The windfarm will become the key dominant visual feature and detract from the current high scenic quality of the southern 'elevation' of the whole Roe Valley Basin and other key landmarks.
6. Main A6 route linking the east and west of the province -a main artery for tourism and links to NorthWest/ Donegal etc - especially the wide sweeping views when travelling westwards over The Glenshane.
7. Impact on views along the whole of the Ballyquin Road - Teeavan Hill is essentially the end vista when driving from Limavady.... and this road the Roe Valley Scenic (Loop) Drive.
8. Banagher Glen (Dam) Nature Reserve and walks – ice throw and noise – on a key and hugely popular amenity and leisure/ walking/ cycling area for locals and visitors from all over. The proximity of the turbines to the footpath (sometimes as little as 290m in places) will deter people from using and enjoying to use this key, highly accessible publicly-owned leisure and amenity space and will have consequences of health outcomes and social isolation.
9. Knock-on effect the proposal will have on tourism in the area and the employment and important form of diversified income this provides for this rural area.. (there is approx 420+ tourism bedspaces within a 4.5mile radius of Dungiven - a testament to the high regard and value with which the scenery and heritage in the area is held). Tourism and Leisure in the area has expanded dramatically since the covid pandemic, and has HUGE further potential.The developer has not submitted anything by way of an objective Tourism Impact Assessment,

instead putting the onus on Planners and the community to provide an objective assessment. (For note - adverse visual impact on the Sperrins AONB as impacting Tourism Assets and potential growth of same was cited as a determining factor in PAC Report ref: 2018/C007: Draperstown/ Broughderg).

10. Lack of objective detail/ assessment regarding economic impacts and benefit - thus impossible to make any true assessment regarding the figures. Impossible to fully weigh up economic impacts to the town without inclusion of a Tourist Impact Assessment.

11. No assessment of cumulative impact showing inclusion of Althahullion and Glenconway windfarm, the largest in N.Ireland.

12. Impact on North Sperrins Scenic Drive which lists Banagher Glen and Dungiven as key stopping points.

13. Impact on key walking routes - the Ulster Way, and Banagher Glen, Dam and Forest. Evidence indicates walkers are "sensitive" to and avoid walking in areas where there are turbines. (This was deemed as "likely to detract from the outdoor recreation experience" and "significantly compromise the value of the affected part of the (Sperrins) AONB as a TA (Tourism Asset) and thus be contrary to Policy TSM 8, in PAC Report ref: 2018/C007: Draperstown/ Broughderg).

14. Potential risks and impact on Banagher Dam reservoir as the primary source of fresh water provision for the whole of the Northwest (no consideration has been given to micro-particle cast-off from the blades nor oil dispersal/ leakage being thrown from such close and a high level).

15. I have been a registered B&B provider since 1996 and have had many return visitors mainly for the beautiful view of natural scenery, the landscape is talked about and photographed constantly and shared with their family and friends when they return home. What better way to promote our beautiful scenic area! Please do not destroy that with windfarms.

Whilst I agree that renewable energy is very important I strongly object to windfarms being based at areas of natural beauty.

I support the Planners recommendations to REFUSE this application.

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**Laura Crawford**

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**From:** Conor O'Kane [REDACTED]  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object outright to the above application due to the adverse impact it will have on the character of Dungiven and its surrounding areas, the Sperrins AONB, Banagher Glen Nature Reserve and Dam, throughout the Roe Valley Basin, and the A6 and Glenshane; and to all the existing heritage sites and the currently rapidly expanding tourism in this beautiful area.

I am only very recently learning of this application, of its scale and it's damaging impacts, primarily due to the lack of visualisations provided by the applicant demonstrating the true impact the windfarm will have.

**I would state a clear and resounding NO** - to renewables that will cause damage to sensitive and important landscapes, historical sites and heritage, much as I am in favour of sane sustainable ecological solutions.

I support the Planners recommendations to REFUSE this application.

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This should not be passed. This is a great area with many walks and an area of out standing beauty. Me and family love this area and lots of people spend quality time here