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I represent the many hundreds of local people who object to the proposal.

The application was submitted in 2019, however most people in the community only heard about it very recently. At the start of the process strong and detailed objections were submitted by a few people, but more recently as knowledge about the proposal has grown the **objections have flooded in** – objections continue to flood in.

I trust that the Committee members will review the submissions made by local people - heart-felt, individual comments about the harm these turbines would do. People have articulated the fact the turbines would have an **overwhelming presence**, causing great harm to the local landscape & countryside, but there are many other concerns too.

Sometimes, the truth is, we take it for granted that we live in an extraordinarily beautiful part of the world. Teeavan Hill, while it is modest and unassuming, is front & centre in views everywhere around Dungiven. The hill is the backdrop to the town, to key viewpoints of the town, views up the Roe Valley, and views all along the Glenshane Pass and the new A6 road.

The turbines are 150m tall, which is around 500ft. They would **dominate the local landscape, and the town.** They would be **an ever-present and overwhelming feature** in the landscape that would totally change the character of this AONB area. They would dominate the views from the A6 Glenshane Pass, and the new A6 dual-carriageway. Travelling the roads from Limavady and Garvagh these turbines would tower over the town, change the whole composition of the landscape and ruin the views of the untouched Sperrin uplands.

There would be **harm to people's homes** and their living environments, through noise, shadow flicker impacts, and the dominant presence of the turbines in main views from many many homes.

Local tourism businesses and other local businesses are extremely concerned, reflected in objections from them that have been making their way in. Tourism represents a large and growing part of our local economy (there are over 420 tourist bedspaces within a 4.5miles radius of Dungiven – equivalent to a very large hotel) that would be harmfully impacted by the fact the turbines would create an industrial style of development in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

There would be harm too to our **historic monuments** which contribute to our sense of place and heritage, and also to the natural environment. It is clear from detailed reading that the developer has avoided doing full and thorough assessments of various aspects of this proposal, such as not submitting a tourist impact assessment - instead putting the onus on the community and planners to provide evidence if impact. It's self-evident too that they **did not undertake an objective assessment** of the visual impacts and their photomontages are not comprehensive or representative, because they have tried to hide the full scale of the development and the harm it would cause.

The local community wholehearted agrees with the planning officer's report. This is harmful and reckless proposal and we ask the Committee to refuse it.