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To: National Planning Framework
Subject: The Draft National Planning Framework Ireland 2040 Our Plan

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to make the following brief submission.

The roll out of the "Wind development program" has been an absolute disaster for rural communities.

20 years of wind development, the last 10 very intense development has seen approx 1500 industrial scale wind turbines built in this country. Amazingly, planning has been granted for many of these 500 foot high plus behemoths in locations where a shed would be denied, on hilltops and crescents, dominating the landscape, turning it from pastoral/agricultural to industrial.

According to SEAI reports, despite the huge wind capacity installed, wind energy only results in tiny 3-4% CO2 savings, and something similar in savings of Fossil fuel imports. For the enormous environmental, economic & social impact they cause, they are very poor returns.

The divisiveness windfarm development causes in rural communities is also a huge issue.

Consistently, over the last 3 years, approx 75% of all windfarm applications end up in the high court as rural communities try to protect themselves and their families. These developments are being forced on them, against their will. It seems that government policy, to encourage the building of windfarms at any cost, trumps all other environmental concerns.

My request is a simple one, and would bring Ireland in line with other EU countries, and in accordance with UNECE Aarhus treaty obligations..

Do an SEA for Energy. Do a full, independent Cost benefit Analysis on that Assessment.

A transparent, evidence based process with public participation.

Regards

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