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Dear Lisa

**Planning Application - J/2008/0278/F**  
**Proposed Windfarm - Aghamore Road, Castlederg**

CNCC has studied the Comments on Submissions Lodged for this development. Most of the issues that we raised earlier (30<sup>th</sup> July 2008) are covered by proposed mitigation measures. We would, however, reiterate our concern over the cumulative impact on the landscape of the number of windfarms that either have received consent or have been applied for in this part of Co. Tyrone – the figure of 163 turbines is mentioned in the document. The idea that 'views can be both blocked and distracted by features in the foreground of a view, such as vegetation, telephone and electricity poles and other landscape features' is ridiculous. While there is some complexity of topography which will mean that only some windfarms will be visible from any one viewpoint, it will be a difficult task to hide structures that are 125m tall behind some shrubs or a telephone pole.

Yours sincerely



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