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Dear Chris

**Planning Application - Q/2007/0914/F
Proposed wind turbine at Slieve Croob, Dromara**

CNCC's original comments on the earlier application for two turbines on this site remain valid. This development is sited within the Mourne AONB, and is on a prominent ridgeline, with a clear impact on the landscape. The Supplementary Planning Guidelines to PPS18 point out that 'the openness of this landscape and subsequent high visibility, coupled with its scenic quality and often rugged, craggy and wild character, increase its sensitivity'.

Considering that this landscape is an important gateway to the Mourne Mountains we believe that this development should not be approved.

Yours sincerely



**PATRICK CASEMENT
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