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Dear Cllrs,

As part of the upcoming Longford County Development Plan 2021-2027 and the County Heritage Plan 2019-2024, we request all our Councillors to stand behind and make known the importance of incorporating the Mid Shannon Wilderness Park as part of such plans.

Given the immense evidence portrayed at the oral hearing in June against the proposed Derryadd Wind Farm in terms of the environmental and biodiversity implications of such a project, it was evident that the proposed wind farm development in these boglands was going to have an extremely negative impact on the wildlife, biodiversity, drainage, communities, jobs, homes, etc in Co. Longford. Such evidence and submissions were made by the No to Derryadd Wind Farm Community Group, the Irish Wildlife Trust, the ISPCA, BirdWatch Ireland, the NPWS, Inland Fisheries, to name but a few.

Taking into account all the support our Councillors have shown to the communities throughout the past four years in relation to the importance of the Mid Shannon Wilderness Park in preference to the Wind Farm and the Councils own Head Engineer reservations towards the proposed wind farm upon hearing the evidence at the oral hearing, it is vital that such a strong biodiversity project is established as a core feature of both the afore mentioned County plans, with removal in full of the proposed wind development areas featured in the current CDP for Longford.

Our Government have declared a climate emergency for our country and what better way to lead by example in tackling this issue but by having Longford be a County leader in carbon sequestration, biodiversity rehabilitation, job sustaining and creation, tourism and education, local economic growth, etc.

A County, county council, communities and its people will never have an opportunity like this again in their lifetime. It can be achieved and it must be achieved.

We are available to discuss any of the above details with anyone who wishes to do so.

Kind regards

On behalf of the No to Derryadd Wind Farm Community Group