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**Importance:** High

Gurranreigh,  
Lissarda,  
Co. Cork.  
P14WC58

30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

To whom it may concern,

In response to An Bord Pleanala's letter to Geraldine Hanley and I dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 inviting submissions/observations to the appeal I wish to make the following submission:

I believe that the proposed development of 6 no. wind turbines should not be permitted as it will have a detrimental effect on residents living in the vicinity of the proposed development. I can say this for certain as we are living within 1 kilometre of an existing 4 turbine wind farm to the east of our property at Gurranreigh Lissarda, Co. Cork. This wind farm was erected in 2013 one year after we build our house. The reason we chose to build and live in Gurranreigh was because it was where I grew up but also because the area is very scenic and peaceful and we believed that it would be a perfect place to raise kids and enjoy the peace and beauty of the countryside.

We very much enjoyed the first year after we built our property but once the wind farm was commissioned and became operational in 2013 it became apparent what we would now have to endure living so close to a wind farm. The noise from the wind farm is almost constant and is unbearable at times. It varies from a light swishing noise to a thumping noise to a low droning noise which is particularly hard to endure. It is particularly difficult at night time when we can hear the noise inside the eastern side of our house and in some of the bedrooms. This regularly leads to sleepless nights for my wife and I and our 3 kids. It has also led to a massive change to how we enjoy our property, we used to spend a lot of time in the garden as we were both keen gardeners, now we no longer spend much time outdoors as the turbine noise is almost constant.

In an effort to tackle the issue we have made numerous complaints to Cork County Council regarding the noise, shadow flicker etc. that we have been enduring since 2013, the response of Cork County Council is to write to the wind farm operator asking them to demonstrate that they are in compliance with their planning condition relating to noise. The operator then confirms that they are in compliance and the County Council confirms to residents that there are no issues in relation to compliance instead of the County Council commissioning their own acoustic expert to monitor compliance. We believe that Cork County Council have a duty of care when it grants permission for these developments to ensure that they are not causing nuisance for adjoining residents, in reality this does not happen.

If the proposed development of 6 turbines receives approval then we will be living in the middle of 10 wind turbines, the existing 4 turbines to the east of our property and the proposed 6 to the west of our property. This is absolutely unacceptable as the cumulative effect of being surrounded by 10 wind turbines will be too much to bear. I would appeal to the An Bord Pleanala that this development should not be granted approval.

Regards,  
Jerome Cohalan

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