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Hi

We are submitting this observation to An Bord Pleanála to object to the proposed development of industrial-scale wind turbines between 1km and 740mt of our family home.

1. Constitutional Rights Affected

The Constitution of Ireland provides several protections relevant to this case:

Article 40.5 — the dwelling of every citizen is inviolable

Article 40.3 — protection of personal rights, including bodily integrity, privacy and personal security

Article 41 — the State's duty to protect the family

Article 43 — the right to private property and its peaceful enjoyment

The operation of large industrial turbines at a distance from 740mt raises clear concerns regarding the infringement of these protections, especially where scientific evidence demonstrates credible risks to sleep, health, and wellbeing.

In this we are allowed to have the right to a quiet and peaceful existence, especially where our sleep and quality of life is affected by noise outside the normal working times of the

day, early mornings , evenings , late night , weekends and bank holidays, to enjoy sitting out in our garden or generally walking around or property.

1.1 Sleep Disturbance and Health Effects

The World Health Organization – Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region (2018) identifies wind-turbine noise as capable of disturbing sleep and recommends limits to prevent health impacts.

Pedersen & Waye (2004, Journal of Sound and Vibration) and Pedersen & Waye (2007, Environmental Research Letters) found consistent associations between turbine noise exposure and sleep disturbance, increased stress and reduced quality of life.

Shepherd et al. (2011, Noise & Health) demonstrated that residents living near turbines had significantly lower wellbeing, poorer sleep, and higher stress scores compared to control populations.

1.2 -Frequency Noise Penetration

Møller & Pedersen (2011, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America) showed that modern large turbines emit proportionally greater low-frequency noise, which travels further and penetrates homes more effectively than higher-frequency components. This makes homes up to and exceeding 1 km from turbines vulnerable to internal acoustic disturbance.

Noise and Flicker.

There is no mention as to how the measurements of 1mt sq are correct?

My dwelling has nearly all my windows facing out towards turbine 1,2, 3,4 and possible 5 are in the 2mt sq region or higher. So this in effect means that I will be effected over two and a half times more than what the developers are saying,

this has not been addressed as far as I can the few if ant houses with 1m sq facing on the the entire site, as to what we are going to experience, both day and night.

1.3 Impact on Residential Amenity

Based on the above research, locating industrial turbines within 1 km poses a credible risk of:

Persistent sleep disturbance

Chronic stress and annoyance responses

Interference with daily activities, study, and rest

Reduced ability to use gardens and outdoor space

Visual and acoustic intrusion affecting mental wellbeing

These impacts materially undermine the peaceful enjoyment of property as protected under Article 43 and erode the inviolability of the family home under Article 40.5.

2. Conflict with Constitutional Protections

The scientific evidence demonstrates that turbine operation at the proposed distance could:

Impair bodily integrity through health and sleep impacts (Article 40.3)

Compromise personal security and privacy within the home (Article 40.3)

Undermine the protection of the family, particularly children (Article 41)

Interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of property (Article 43)

Breach the inviolability of the home by introducing intrusive environmental disturbance (Article 40.5)

These concerns are neither hypothetical nor speculative; they are grounded in repeated findings across multiple peer-reviewed studies.

3. *Blasting, "we do not envisage to blast at the site"*

In other words we can see it happening but we won't commit to it as of yet.

The ground is known to be similar to other sites in the West of Ireland and blasting was used to get the foundation of the Turbines on the sites.

<https://www.thesaurus.com>

To envisage is to imagine something that does not yet exist. The words envisage and envision share the same Latin root meaning to see. Both words are very similar in meaning but do have slight shades of difference. If you envision something happening, you can see it happening in your mind, to come into view, as from concealment or obscurity.

In other words we can see it happen but we don't want any controversy over this now, is what the developers are saying.

There is no measure of what will happen should damage to our happen or how we will be compensated for any damaged caused.

There is no measure for emergency planning should the gas pipe going through the development i.e. a PAMS Shedual / Emergency planning Directive.

4. *Water runs.*

Bunnaheevna More, Or as some would spell Bunnahevelly More

Has a meaning of the Great big river bottom.

Where there was once a major river now has so many underground runs of water that run both to the Clare river and Corrib Lake. This development will cause pollution to the water system as the when we get great rain the lands flood the rain water then seeps down into these aqua runs which will bring seepage off the development should i get planning permission.

Galway County Council has deemed that the area is not suitable for a Wind Farm in the surveys that they carried to give developers assistance in locating windfarms .

5. Destruction of Natural landscape.

The developers are also looking to destroy 1.85 km of head rows which will have a major effect on wild life, which has come under scrutiny in damaging the natural rugged beauty of the landscape and the securing of wildlife. Protected rare species of wildlife run through the entire site and its sounds. We are care takers of our lands to pass on to the next generations, not destroyers of lands for the betterment of rich developers who only want what they can get now, as can be seen in East Galway where a development has been sited on three times with not a sod turned.

Spinning blades kill wildlife in the air and the ground by direct collision and drying out the grounds, birds, bats etc.

Species that are protected are the lesser known Horseshoe Bat which frequent the area, Barn Owls, White Tailed Eagles, Kestrels to name but a few that fly the area.

6. There are no emergency plans of any kind in this proposal.

There is no Access to the site agreed with land owner which is shown on the plans.

There are no road plans laid out with the Galway Co Co or TFI for the access and as is being said by a member of the developers that a 60km stretch of 1.5 km of road would also be required on the Main Galway Tuam Rd to facilitate the access.

There is no request for road openings to Galway Co Co to connect to the electrical grid.

There is no plans showing access to the electrical grid to which there is major opposition by at least 15 landowners

on initial request from MKO to landowners who have been approached.

It has also been made known by the MKO representative (Name can be supplied) that they will as many access points as they like to access the site without seeing planning permission. My by the way comment but we take it seriously as developers have already done work with landowners to upgrade access points.

On this point I have already contacted the Galway Co Co on this matter formally in writing and verbally.

We ask you to reject this planning application on the matters raised as there are many more we will let others in the area to make these and other comments.

Regards

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