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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached additional submissions to be added for **case reference number 319307**

The observation reference numbers for the two submissions that were already made are:

SID-OBS-001879

SID-OBS-001880

Many thanks and best regards,
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An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Re: Proposed no 8 wind turbines and associated works . Laurclavagh and adjacent townlands, Co.Galway. Planning reference number 319307. Further information requested from applicant by ACP

Reference no. SID-OBS-001879

To members of An Coimisiún Pleanála,

We wish to again register the following observations in opposition of the planning application for the above project. We understand that renewable energy is needed but the proposed site is wholly unsuitable. This is an industrial sized development that is seeking to be placed in a highly populated rural residential and scenic community. Renewable energy can be achieved but not at the detriment of people, flora, fauna and biodiversity in the local area. The proposed development is contrary to good and sustainable planning. Our family home is in the 1km radius of this proposed development and on maps is referenced as H155. We commend that ACP requested further information from the applicant.

We echo all of the submissions and additional submissions that have been put together by people in the community that wish for the area to remain as it currently is and not be turned into an industrialised area.

- The additional information provided by the applicant in the EIA fails to address all of the impacts to groundwater. Water quality would be at high risk during every step of this proposed development.
- The area is well known for its karst rockiness. The applicant states that “no blasting envisaged” this is very loose wording. Is it a case of we don’t think there will be need to blast but if we have to then we will?
- In order for the proposed development to go ahead there would be massive destruction of hedgerows and hazelgroves in the area. The habitats of many flora and fauna would be destroyed. Of course the applicant will say that they will re plant etc but it would never be the same again.
- Noise/Vibration/Shadow Flicker-Wind turbine noise is now being addressed at an EU level. Swedish research shows that infrasound from large turbines travels farther than previously believed. The research also points out that measurement techniques and modelling may have underestimated the reach of the sound and its potential health risks. This has now been brought to political forefront in the EU Scientists and experts around the world are sounding the alarm on the huge impact of industrial wind turbines on human health. The World Health Organisation revised their noise guidelines (2018) and stated that there is “stronger evidence of cardiovascular and metabolic effects of environmental noise of new sources namely wind turbine noise” and that it is included as “one of the top environmental hazards to both physical and mental health and well-being”. The HSE supports the guidelines but the EIAR by the applicant does not take the guidelines into consideration. People’s health/well-being and biodiversity of the area comes first. During construction of the proposed development there would also be noise and vibration ringing through the air and ground. The noise pollution and extra traffic that would occur during the construction of the windfarm has to be taken into consideration. The roads in the

area are not suitable to transport the large components required to construct wind turbines. The use of side roads by HGV's and other large construction vehicle's where two cars can only pass one another with caution is totally out of the question.

The applicant undertook shadow flicker assessment and our home now it seems lies outside the area of study. We do not believe this would actually be the case. Our home is south facing towards the proposed development on road L2111. The sun is therefore travelling gradually at the front of the house for most of the day until it sets to the west of our home. We would have a direct view of the entire proposed development and are bound to be affected by shadow flicker. How is the Windfarm software validated? Is there a validation certificate? In the additional information the applicant has failed to provide any evidence of validation on the software that they utilised.

Our community and other rural communities across Ireland have to be listened to when it comes to these proposed developments. We do not want our health/well-being and beautiful local area to be put at risk. Once again we ask that this development does not get approved.

- Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028

The proposed development is contrary to Galway County Development -landscape character, protection of rural communities, tourism and ecotourism. When viewed in conjunction with the Galway county wind development plan, the proposed development at Laurclavagh is in an area where wind development would be discouraged.

- Property devaluation/Restrictions on future planning

There is growing evidence that there is a loss of value on houses that are located near windfarms. This in turn will lead to less people moving into the area or to the schools. Currently rural Ireland still has a sense of community living where neighbour helps neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable. This support network of people helping each other is put at risk by imposing an industrial sized windfarm in the middle of circa 480 family homes. This proposed development cannot go ahead to the detriment of all of those who live in the community and visit the area.

The proposed development would directly impact the rights of families and children that are living in our community.

- Constitutional Rights
 - Article 40.3- right to bodily integrity
 - Article 41-protection of the family
 - Article 43-property rights
- European Convention on Human Rights
 - Article 7-respect for private and family life
 - Article 24 rights of the child
 - Article 37 environmental protection
- The Aarhus Convention
 - Article 1 the right to live in an environment adequate to health and wellbeing
 - Article 4 right to access environmental information
 - Article 6 public participation in environmental decision making
 - Article 9 access to justice

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Source:

[http://www.windconcerns.com/experts-call-for-serious-setbacks-to-protect-humans/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=experts call for serious setbacks&utm_term=2025](http://www.windconcerns.com/experts-call-for-serious-setbacks-to-protect-humans/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=experts%20call%20for%20serious%20setbacks&utm_term=2025)