

**Submission to:**  
An Bord Pleanála

**Person making the submission:**  
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**Name of project:**  
Knockanarragh Wind Farm Limited  
Ref ABP - 319448

### **Reasons and Arguments for Observation**

1) No public meeting / information evening arranged to inform people living in the communities of the proposed development – Statkraft representatives specifically asked to attend an information meeting and they refused. I attended the public meeting in Clonmellon community hall on the 18/5/24 and Statkraft representatives did not attend.

2) Lough Shesk / Newtown Lake – pNHA area. (Site Code: 000556). Lough Shesk area is a Special Area of Conservation at present, which is a site selected for the conservation and protection of plant and animal species and habitats. It is the only place in Co. Meath which has alkaline fen vegetation. It does not adhere to the council guidelines to allow a wind farm to be placed on this site.

3) Effects on Health Conditions such as, Autism, Wearing of Hearing Aids for example. "Settlements have been won by those who have suffered severe ongoing adverse health effects as a result of living in close proximity to industrial wind turbines in Ireland". Article in Irish Times in 2020. [REDACTED], the noise created from the windmills would have a huge adverse effect on my life and make it unbearable to continue to live in the area in which I have lived my whole life.

4) Wind Turbine Syndrome - [REDACTED], the windmills will exacerbate my health conditions [REDACTED]

5) Television and Phone Signals - Representatives of Statkraft admitted there are issues with signals and phone coverage. As a person who works from home, it is completely disheartening that the council would allow an infrastructure to be built which would go against the government's aim to encourage people to work from home. As part of my job, I need constant reliable access to the phone and internet.

6) Property devaluation - as a local young person it is devastating to see the impact the windmills will have on the property devaluation of our local community. This will have a negative impact on our community and discourage locals from building/buying in the area.

7) The local population has an age profile higher than typical suburban areas, and this is alarmingly evident in our local school enrollment numbers. The industrialisation of the area with

enormous turbines will do nothing to make our area attractive as an area in which new families will establish their lives and homes.

8) Westmeath is deemed to be of 'low capacity' or 'no capacity' for the delivery of wind developments as stated in the Westmeath County Development Plan. It makes no sense to place windmills and significantly disrupt the local landscape, wildlife and inhabitants of an area for 'little' to 'no' capacity for wind developments.

9) The height of the proposed windmills are 180m - some of the highest in the entire country. They will have a devastating and significant visual impact on unspoiled landscape.

I hope that you will take the above concerns as seriously as I feel them and will respond accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre Carr