

To:

An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Objection to Shancloon Wind Farm (ABP Ref: 323699)

From:

Adrian Lardner
Cloonaglasha, Tuam, Co. Galway

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my strong objection to the proposed Shancloon Wind Farm development (ABP Ref 323699).

My name is Adrian Lardner, I am 32 years old and have lived in Cloonaglasha all my life. This is where I grew up, surrounded by the peace and beauty of the countryside, and where I hope to continue to live. What makes this area special is its tranquility, natural landscape, biodiversity, and the strong community spirit that exists among good neighbours who look out for one another. It is a vibrant yet peaceful rural community, one that values its environment and way of life deeply.

The proposed development threatens everything that makes this area so special. I am deeply concerned about the destruction of the bog and the devastating impact this will have on the local ecosystem and wildlife, including the Whooper Swans that are regularly seen in this area. The bog plays an essential role in flood prevention, water purification, and carbon storage. Removing or disturbing the peat will increase the risk of flooding and water contamination, particularly as the Togher and Black rivers feed into the Corrib.

The noise from the turbines, combined with shadow flicker, will have a huge impact on residents' quality of life and mental wellbeing. This is currently a quiet, peaceful area where the sounds of nature can still be heard — that peace will be lost. The proposed turbines would also have a terrible visual impact, completely altering our unspoiled landscape and rural character.

I am also extremely worried about the large volumes of construction traffic that would travel on our narrow, rural roads during the building phase. This would cause danger, disruption, and damage to local roads not built for such heavy use.

There has been no meaningful consultation with the community. No public meetings were held, and neighbours were not consulted or informed properly. It feels as though the developers have completely ignored the views and welfare of the local people who live here.

In addition, I have serious concerns about property devaluation and the future ability to obtain planning permission for local residents once these turbines are built. This would have long-term economic and social impacts on families who have lived here for generations.

Overall, this development would result in:

- Loss of peace and quiet
- Destruction of the bog and local biodiversity

- Visual scarring of the natural landscape
- Increased noise and shadow flicker
- Risk of flooding and water contamination
- Loss of property value and future planning restrictions
- Disruption from heavy construction traffic
- Irreversible damage to the community's wellbeing and heritage

For these reasons, I strongly object to the Shancloon Wind Farm proposal. I urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development and to protect the environment, community, and landscape that define Cloonaglasha and the wider area.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,
Adrian Lardner
Cloonaglasha, Tuam, Co. Galway