

Shancloon Wind Farm – Case Reference PAX07.323699

Introduction

My name is Amanda Keady of Brackloon (H91 WP7T), I live less than one kilometer from one of the proposed turbines for the Shancloon Wind Farm. I have two very young children, and I am deeply concerned about the serious health risks this development poses to them and to our family. I support renewable energy and believe in the need for sustainable solutions, but not when they threaten the physical and mental wellbeing of those living nearby.

Lack of Consultation

Despite our proximity to the site, we have received **no direct contact** from the developer: - no conversation, no consultation, just a flyer through the door. This lack of engagement is particularly concerning given the scale of the proposed development, which will have a significant impact on neighbouring properties. The height of the turbines are entirely out of keeping with the surrounding area. Residents should have been meaningfully consulted at an early stage, especially given the potential disruption, the long-term effects on local character/amenity and residents well-being.

Noise Monitoring Deficiencies

No background noise monitoring was carried out near homes in County Mayo, including Brackloon, where some properties are just 800 metres from Turbine 2. Without onsite measurements, the predicted noise levels are speculative, especially under southerly or easterly winds, which would carry sound towards our homes. This gap in data undermines confidence in the noise modelling and leaves residents here without a reliable assessment.

Site Notices

No planning site notices were displayed in our area, despite some properties being within 800m of Turbine 2. The lack of site notices contravenes Schedule 3 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), which require site notices to be erected in sufficient number and in such positions as to be easily visible and legible by members of the public. The omission means that residents and landowners in this sector were not properly notified of the planning application and were therefore deprived of their statutory right to make informed observations within the consultation period. This procedural failure constitutes a **material defect in the public notice process**, and as such, An Coimisiún Pleanála cannot be satisfied that the application has been validly advertised.

Health Concerns

When I applied for a mortgage, I was asked if I lived near a wind farm. At the time, I didn't, but if this goes ahead, I will. I worry about the devaluation of our home, but even more so about the long-term health impacts of noise pollution, low-frequency sound, and shadow flicker, especially on my children. These are not abstract concerns; they are real risks backed by growing evidence. Children are particularly vulnerable to environmental stressors, and they deserve to grow up in a safe, quiet, and healthy environment, not in the shadow of industrial turbines.

Environmental Concerns

I am also deeply concerned about the disruption this development will cause to our local roads during construction, and the permanent change to our landscape, even long after the turbines stop working. These structures will scar our countryside forever. The unspoiled wildlife in our area, birds, deer, and other species will be driven away or destroyed. The dust and muck from the construction sites will affect our horses, cows, sheep, and even our pets.

Family Concerns

It's heartbreaking to think that while wind farms can be placed near homes, families like mine will be denied planning permission or mortgages simply because of their proximity to one. My children, my sister, and my brother will never be able to build homes on our family's land if this goes ahead.

This development doesn't just threaten our environment; it threatens our future as a family. We do not want this wind farm. It will damage our community, our health, and the lives of families trying to raise children in peace.

Yours Sincerely

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