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An Coimisiún Pleanála
Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm ABP Ref. 323699

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm (ABP Ref. 323699). We live near Lough Hackett with our two young children. We moved here just ten months ago, and in that short time we have come to love this place. We love the peace, the space for our children to grow up, and the abundance of nature and wildlife all around us.

One of the main reasons we chose to live here was the quiet, unspoiled environment. We often walk near the lough and enjoy watching the birds, particularly the Curlews, which are our favourites. The area around Lough Hackett is special, and we cannot understand how such a large industrial development could be considered so close to it.

A member of our household has epilepsy, and we are very worried about the possible effects of wind turbines, particularly the potential for flicker or visual disturbance that could trigger seizures. This is a very real concern for us as a family.

We knew absolutely nothing about this proposed windfarm until we received a leaflet delivered by members of the local community. We received no information or communication whatsoever from the developers. It is deeply disappointing that a project of this scale, which could so dramatically affect our surroundings and our daily lives, has been progressed without any effort to inform or consult with the people who live here.

We are also concerned about the general environmental impact including the loss of tranquillity, the disturbance to wildlife, and the risk of damage to such an important and beautiful area. We moved here to give our children a peaceful rural upbringing, surrounded by nature. If this proposal goes ahead, that way of life will be lost.

For all of these reasons, the health concerns, the threat to wildlife and the natural environment, and the complete lack of consultation, we strongly object to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm.

We respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development.

Yours faithfully,
The Canavan Family

