

An Coimisiún Pleanála
Shanclon Windfarm – ACP Ref 323699

To whom it may concern

My name is Anita McTigue Hynes, and I have lived in this area all my life. Our home is about two kilometres from one of the proposed turbines. I love this place deeply — its tranquility, its untouched landscape, the vibrant community that thrives in peaceful surroundings, and the strong sense of neighbourly spirit that makes this area so special.

I spend a lot of time walking and cycling through the bog, enjoying the peace and the natural beauty that surrounds us. Each spring, the beautiful birds return, filling the air with their songs — a harmony that belongs to this place and lifts the spirits of everyone who lives here. It is heartbreaking to think that the noise, lights, and disturbance from this development could drown out that peaceful rhythm of nature.

I am deeply worried about the bog itself and the consequences this project will have on the local ecosystem. The bog is a living, breathing landscape full of life and biodiversity — home to birds, insects, and the Whooper Swans that migrate through the area. Disturbing or removing peat will have serious and lasting consequences, not only for wildlife but also for flooding and water contamination. Many of us depend on private wells, and any disruption to groundwater could directly affect our health and safety.

The noise — both from construction and ongoing operation — will destroy the peace and quiet we value so much. Being this close, I could easily become a shadow flicker receptor, which would make it impossible to relax in my own home. I already suffer from sinus problems, headaches, and asthma, and I am extremely concerned that the noise, dust, and flicker will worsen these conditions.

The visual impact of these turbines will be dramatic and deeply damaging, changing our beautiful rural landscape forever. They are entirely out of scale with their surroundings. These are not “farms” — they are industrial factories being placed in a peaceful rural community.

There has been no meaningful consultation with the people most affected. There was no public meeting, and the local voices have been ignored. It feels as though the developers have made every effort to move this project forward without genuinely considering the impact on local residents.

Finally, the risk of flooding, construction traffic, peat disturbance, and potential water contamination are serious issues that cannot be brushed aside.

I ask that you please refuse this application. Our community, our landscape, and our health deserve to be protected.

Yours sincerely,
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