

**Submission to An Comisiún Pleanála**

**Name:** Brendan and Margaret Mangan

**Address:** Cloonaglasha, Co. Galway H54 DH98

**Planning Reference Number:** PAX07.323699

**Development Proposal:** Shancloon Wind Farm

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We write to express our deep concerns about the proposed Shancloon Wind Farm. We live in Cloonaglasha, which will be very close to the development.

I Brendan was born and raised here and when I married my wife Margaret, we chose to build our family home here in 2010, close to my parents. We love this place for its peace, its quiet, and its sense of belonging. We like the tranquility, the fresh air, and the beautiful views of Knockma and Connemara that remind us how lucky we are to live here.

The proposed Shancloon windfarm would change all of that, not just for us, but for our children, our parents, and everyone in this community. The construction site entrance would be only 500 metres from our home and 200 metres from land we own. There is also a peat/spoil storage compound/tip proposed within 300 metres of our home near the roadside. The potential peat/spoil storage compound/tip is estimated to hold 50,000 cubic metres of peat/spoil, covering an area of up to 5 acres, 2.5 meters high. We as parents have grave concerns in relation to this. **Our daughter Rachel suffers from Asthma**, her health and wellbeing is our utmost priority. Both the dust from all the construction traffic and the particulate matter in the air from the peat being disposed of in the compound/tip beside us, and the ongoing issue of peat drying and creating more dust particles, may exasperate her condition. Why should she have to suffer or have her health compromised because of this? Please see attached a letter from our doctor.

Our road is a very narrow country road where our children love to walk and cycle every day. This would be filled with heavy construction traffic 60,000 heavy goods vehicles. We are terrified at the thought of lorries thundering past them and the constant noise and dust filling the air.

We draw the attention of the Board to **Schedule 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2024**, which provides that a development may be refused where it would **endanger the health or safety of persons** occupying or adjoining structures, be **prejudicial to public health**, or where it would **endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users**. We submit that the scale, proximity and nature of the proposed

development give rise to very real risks to our health, safety and wellbeing — including dust and particulate matter affecting our asthmatic daughter, heavy construction traffic on narrow rural roads creating serious danger for residents and children, and excessive noise and shadow-flicker impacts. Accordingly, the tests under Schedule 4 are clearly engaged.

<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2024/act/34/schedule/4/enacted/en/html>

We would be just one kilometre from Turbine 11. We lie awake thinking about what it will mean to live under the constant hum of the turbines and the flashing shadows that will invade our home and garden. We fear what it will do to our peace of mind, our sleep, and our sense of safety. We also know that our home, the place we poured our savings, time, and dreams into, will lose its value. Yet the developer has shown no care or responsibility for what this will mean for us.

We also worry deeply about our parents. **My father suffers from epilepsy, light sensitive migraines and vertigo.** We cannot understand how anyone could consider building massive industrial turbines near people.

We ask from the bottom of our hearts, who will be accountable for these negative impacts on our family's health, safety, and happiness?

We have felt ignored and dismissed throughout this process. RWE made no real effort to talk to us. Twice they dropped flyers in our letterbox but **not once knocked on our door** to talk to us. When we finally managed to contact them and asked them to come to our home, they **brushed aside our concerns** as if they did not matter.

We are also gravely concerned about flooding. We have already seen more storms and heavier rainfall in recent years. Removing peat from nearby bogs could cause serious flooding that will affect farms and homes. Once the damage is done, there will be no going back.

This proposal has already taken a toll on our mental health. The thought of losing the peace and beauty that we have always known keeps us awake at night. We feel anxious and powerless, worrying that the landscape we love will be destroyed.

We are deeply concerned and distraught, that the proposed development will negatively affect our children's ability to acquire both planning permission and mortgages, on the land we own adjacent to our home in the future due to the close proximity of the proposed wind farm, and that our children will no longer be able to live in this community, and the future we dreamed of for them will disappear.

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17/10/2025

**RE: Ms Rachael Mangan, CLOONAGLOSHA TUAM Galway.**

**DOB: 20/04/2011, Patient Type: Private. Phone: /**

Dear Sir/Madam

This is to confirm that the above named suffers with Asthma.

Allergy

Severity

Yours sincerely

  
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Dr Doyle MCRN 17489

We ask the decision makers to please put yourselves in our shoes. Would this ever be allowed within 300m of a housing estate or a town? Are our lives, our health, and our happiness worth less because we live in a rural area?

We love this place. It is our home, our history, and our future. We are asking you, with everything we have, to protect it. Please refuse permission for the Shancloon Wind Farm and let our community remain the peaceful, safe, and beautiful place it has always been.

Yours Sincerely,

**Brendan and Margaret Mangan**

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