

**To: An Coimisiún Pleanála**

**Re: Objection to Shancloon Wind Farm Proposal, PAX07.323699**

**From: Caroline O'Neill, Tobberoe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway H54 A328**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Shancloon Wind Farm development. I have lived here all my life and my partner Hubert has been here for 22 years. We deeply value the peace, quiet, rural views, wildlife, and the unique bog landscape that surrounds us.

The developer, RWE, has failed to meaningfully address our concerns. Their email responses (attached) dismiss key issues:

- I. They deny our house value may fall but provide no Irish data to support or quantify this. They rely on US studies on house price devaluation which are totally irrelevant to my home. They ignore the 2023 Galway CERIS report which is more relevant and shows property price depreciation for homes like mine within 1km of at least 20.4%.

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/media/researchsites/ceris/files/WP-2023-01.pdf>

- II. They rely on outdated 2006 guidelines despite having been instructed by An Coimisiún Pleanála to follow the 2019 draft Wind Energy Development Guidelines. (Meeting minutes 10/11/2023).
- III. They refer us to the EIAR for noise but are following 2006 guidelines rather than the draft 2019 guidelines.
- IV. They allow for up to 30 hours of shadow flicker per year, despite the 2019 draft guidelines recommending zero.

We attended one meeting with RWE but received no real answers. Our fears remain:

- **Bog damage and flooding:** This poses a serious insurance risk and threatens the integrity of the landscape.
- **Wildlife loss:** The area supports curlew, lapwing, and hen harrier populations, all of which are vulnerable.
- **Health impacts:** We are concerned about infrasound, headaches, and sleep disturbance.
- **Construction disruption:** We anticipate years of noise, dust, and heavy traffic.
- **Visual impact:** The proposed 180m turbines are beyond anything we can imagine in this quiet rural setting.

I invite the Commission to visit my home and see the site firsthand. Bring your wellies. Only by standing here can one truly grasp the scale of what is planned and the damage it will cause.

Yours sincerely,

**Caroline O'Neill**

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