

Submission to An Comisiún Pleanála

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Development Proposal: Shancloon Wind Farm

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed Shancloon Wind Farm. I live in Cloonaglasha with my parents, PJ and Margaret Managan. This place is our home, a peaceful rural area surrounded by nature, close-knit neighbours, and beautiful views of Knockma and Connemara. It is everything that makes rural Ireland special.

I am deeply worried about the impact this development would have on my parents' health, safety, and peace of mind. My father is 82 and suffers from **epilepsy, vertigo, and light-sensitive migraines**. The constant flicker, noise, and aviation lights from the turbines pose serious risks for him. My mother also worries about the safety of the narrow local roads, which are completely unsuitable for the heavy construction traffic this project would bring.

I share those health concerns personally. I suffer from **light-sensitive migraines myself and cannot go outdoors without dark glasses**. The idea of living near multiple turbines with their constant flicker and flashing lights fills me with dread. It would make it impossible for me to enjoy the outdoors, even to step outside my own home comfortably.

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 heavy construction traffic on narrow rural roads creating serious danger for residents and children, excessive noise, aviation lights 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>

Beyond the personal impacts, I am appalled at what this project would do to our landscape and environment. The removal of huge amounts of peat from the local bogs and replacing it with concrete and steel foundations is nothing short of **environmental vandalism**. These bogs are part of our natural heritage, and disturbing them will have serious and lasting effects, including an increased risk of flooding, which we have already seen more of in recent years due to heavier rainfall and storms.

The scenic beauty of this area, the open countryside, the views from **Knockma and Croagh Patrick**, will be permanently scarred. The Knockma photomontages (VP19 Woodland Tobermina) demonstrate that views from the Hill of Maeve extend westward toward Croagh Patrick, a major heritage and pilgrimage site. The proposed turbines would interrupt this visual corridor, imposing industrial turbines upon a landscape that unites two culturally important hills. This is contrary to the County Development Plan with respect to landscape and heritage protection objectives.

I also question the logic and fairness of placing a massive industrial development like this in a quiet rural area. This is not a suitable location. Why are such projects being imposed on small rural communities like ours, far away from the areas where electricity is actually needed? Why must our environment, our health, and our peace be sacrificed for the benefit of others, when there are more appropriate solutions?

This project threatens everything we value about living here, our health, our landscape, our safety, and our way of life. I am asking An Comisiún Pleanála to please listen to the people who actually live here, and to protect us and our community from a development that would cause nothing but harm.

Please refuse permission for the Shancloon Wind Farm.

Yours sincerely,

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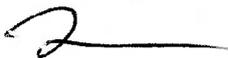
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RE: Mr DECLAN MANGAN, CLOONAGLASHA TUAM CO GALWAY .
DOB: 30/04/1972,

To whom it may concern,

The above named has a diagnosis of Crohns Disease and Hypertension. He also suffers with Migraine, Migraines have many different triggers and Declan is concerned that any loud noises or bright/ flickering lights may contribute to this.

Yours sincerely



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