

## **Submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála - Shancloon Wind Farm Case Number 323699**

I, Des Roche, have lived in Emone, Caherlistrane all my life. I farm my land, which lies directly beside the proposed access tracks for this wind farm. My home is within **1 km of three turbines** and **2 km of nine turbines**. This development will fundamentally change the character of our area and threaten the way of life we have built here.

### **Key Concerns**

#### **1. Proximity and Scale**

- The turbines are far too close to homes and far too high for a rural area with many residents. At 180 m, they will dominate the landscape and destroy the natural beauty we value.

#### **2. Noise and Health**

- The cumulative noise impact of so many turbines so close to homes has not been properly assessed in the EIAR.
- I have had heart surgery and am deeply concerned about how constant turbine noise will affect my long-term health.
- If turbines pose no health risk, why will my neighbour in Shancloon have to vacate his property, if the project proceeds?
- Our mental health matters also, our peace and sense of security will be shattered.

#### **3. Impact on Farming and Livestock**

- The access road will run through adjoining fields, bringing heavy trucks and noise that will disturb livestock and farming operations.
- Despite this, the developer has made no effort to engage with me or explain the real impacts of this.

#### **4. Environmental Risks**

- Massive peat removal and replacement with concrete will increase flooding, which has already worsened in recent years.
- Water contamination and habitat loss for wildlife are serious concerns.

## **5. Community and Consultation**

- The developer has told us only what suited them, avoiding the truth about real impacts.
- There has been no genuine engagement with the community, no attempt to talk to people directly.

## **6. Visual Impact**

- The 180 m turbines will ruin everything around us in terms of landscape and views. This is not what rural Galway should look like.

## **7. Future Generations**

- If this wind farm goes ahead, our children will not want to live here. It will destroy the sense of place and community we have worked hard to maintain.

## **Conclusion**

To An Coimisiún Pleanála, I say, think long and hard before granting permission for these eyesores. Think about the people who live here, the people who did not ask for these turbines and who will suffer the consequences. This project prioritises profit over people and it must be rejected.

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