

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála
Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm – ABP Ref. 323699

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Co. Galway
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm development (ABP Ref. 323699). I have lived in Ratesh for 46 years. My late husband and I raised our three sons here, and now I am lucky to have grandchildren also living nearby. This is our home and our community, and I care deeply about its future.

Our house is about 2km from the proposed turbines, and we will have a clear view of them across the fields. I love the peace and tranquillity of living here and the great neighbours who make up our small community. The idea that these enormous industrial structures could be placed so close to our homes is deeply upsetting. It would completely change the character of the area and the landscape we have all cherished for generations.

I have always loved the bogs and the wildlife they support. The thought of all the concrete that will be pumped into the ground to build these turbines is heartbreaking - the bogs will never be the same again. I think it is a terrible legacy to leave to our children and grandchildren.

The birdlife in this area is remarkable. I regularly see Whooper Swans, kestrels, meadow pipits, and cuckoos, and on rare occasions, I have even seen Golden Eagles. The turbines would pose a serious danger to these birds, particularly the swans and birds of prey. I am also aware that several bat species live in and around the bog, and I understand that turbines can be extremely harmful to bats as well. It is distressing to think of how much wildlife will be lost or displaced if this goes ahead.

I am also very concerned about the impact on water quality. Many people in the area rely on private wells. Any disturbance or contamination from construction on peatland could have serious consequences for our drinking water.

I feel deeply angry and frustrated that a plan as destructive as this could be imposed on our area without any real consultation or any effort to understand or address local concerns. No one asked the people who live here, the people who will have to live with the noise, the visual impact, and the loss of our natural heritage, what we thought.

For all of these reasons, the destruction of the bogs, the threat to birds, bats, and wildlife, the risk to local water quality, and the complete lack of consultation, I strongly object to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm.

I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development.

Yours faithfully,
Geraldine Burke