

To: An Board Pleanala

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CASE REF: 323699

I'm objecting to the proposed Wind Farm at Shancloon on the basis that it will have a detrimental and damaging affect on my Borewells at Boadaun (Bodane), Tuam.

I have two Borewells on my property since 2008. One is for domestic use and one is for my geothermal heating. The proposed developers RWE have not made any attempt to address the environmental impact of nearby natural Wells or Borewells.

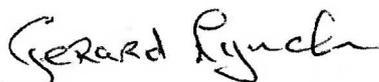
It is widely accepted that wind farm development can negatively impact aquifers by altering ground water flow, altering recharge patterns and water table.

This whole area Shancloon and surrounding villages is littered with spring Wells, not to mention the many Holy Wells that are shown on the RWE maps. The development does not even mention how many Borewells might be within its area of influence. In addition, all the locals know that the water table in this area is extremely high. To suggest that this level of excavation by RWE will not interfere with water courses both at ground level and underground, is insane to say the least.

I have firsthand experience of underground interference. About 2 years after I sunk my Wells (2010) I found that my Well filters were getting clogged up with silt and the water was muddy. My well expert Molloy Wells investigated the problem and discovered that it was as a result of another Well being bored in Kilshanvy area Kilconly. This proves that I am on the same aquifer line as Shancloon. Shancloon is located between Boadaun and Kilshanvey, Kilconly.

I'm deeply concerned that this proposed development will have a lasting negative effect on both the underground and overground water in my area. I'm also concerned that the word aquifer only appeared once in the whole development proposal and it was used in a generic context. This just shows that no serious consideration has been given to the impact on underground aquifers and water table, both during and after this proposed development.

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