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**Tobberoe,  
Kilconly,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway**

**12/Nov/25**

To:  
An Coimisiún Pleanála  
(An Bord Pleanála)

Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm – ACP Ref. 323699

Dear Sir / Madam,

We wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm (ACP Ref. 323699). We live in Tobberoe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway, approximately 800 metres from the proposed development site.

Our family is extremely concerned about the serious impact this project will have on our home, our environment, and our quality of life. We live in a peaceful rural area, surrounded by nature, where our children have grown up enjoying the freedom, safety, and tranquillity of the countryside. This proposal threatens to destroy all of that.

We live close to a river, and our property is already subject to high insurance premiums because of flood risk. The removal of peat and large-scale groundworks for turbine bases and access roads could significantly alter natural drainage patterns, increasing the likelihood of flooding. Once peatlands are disturbed, they are highly vulnerable to destabilisation, and we fear the long-term consequences this will have on the hydrology of the area.

The construction phase will be particularly disruptive. The sound will travel easily across the bog, and we expect constant noise, heavy traffic, and dust, all of which will make daily life intolerable. When the windfarm becomes operational, we are also extremely concerned about ongoing noise pollution, low-frequency sound, and the potential for sleep disturbance and health impacts.

We are especially worried about air quality during construction. Shaun has asthma, and the disturbance and drying of peat, along with dust and fine particles from machinery, could seriously aggravate his condition. These airborne particles can trigger breathing difficulties and asthma attacks. We feel this risk has not been properly assessed or mitigated by the developers.

We are aware of the case in County Wexford, where residents endured years of distress before the operators finally acknowledged the nuisance caused by turbine noise. We fear we could face a similar situation here. We also note that noise monitoring was carried out at our property, but the monitor was positioned near trees in our garden, which we understand could interfere with accurate results. We were later told the equipment failed the first time and had to be replaced — this does not inspire confidence in the reliability or transparency of the assessment process.

We are also very worried about shadow flicker, which can have a significant impact on households within close proximity to turbines. Given our distance of only 800 metres, we are

likely to experience flicker regularly, particularly during low sunlight hours. This will have a serious effect on our comfort and wellbeing in our own home, especially for our children.

Another major concern is the lack of genuine community engagement. There has been no meaningful consultation with the people who actually live here and will have to live with the consequences. Many local residents only became aware of the full scale of this proposal very late in the process. A development of this magnitude should never proceed without proper, transparent dialogue and the inclusion of local voices from the outset.

We have also serious concerns about the impact on property values. A neighbour recently had a lot of issues getting a mortgage due to the plans for a Windfarm in the area. In the letter from the auctioneer that we have seen, they specifically say about Shancloon Windfarm "If granted planning permission and subsequently constructed it affect future saleability, marketability and mortgageability of properties in the surrounding area". This would be a devastating financial blow to hardworking families like ours. In addition, the presence of turbines so near to our home will likely make it extremely difficult for our children to obtain planning permission for homes of their own in the future. That uncertainty adds even more stress and sadness to this situation.

We have worked extremely hard to build and maintain our home. We are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of our property, free from the noise, shadow flicker, and visual intrusion that this windfarm would bring.

Finally, we are deeply concerned about the environmental damage this proposal will cause. The area supports a variety of wildlife, including red-listed bird species, and is rich in peatland biodiversity. The destruction of these habitats for industrial development is unacceptable and contrary to national and EU obligations to protect biodiversity and carbon-rich soils.

For all of these reasons — including the risk of flooding, loss of residential amenity, excessive noise, dust and air pollution, shadow flicker, property devaluation, environmental destruction, and the absence of proper public consultation — I respectfully request that permission for this development be refused.

Yours sincerely,  
Helen Morrin-Griffin & Shaun Griffin