

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála
Re: Observation on Planning Application - Shancloon Wind Farm (ACP Ref: 323699)
From: Helena Farrell, Kilshanvey, Co. Galway

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed Shancloon Wind Farm (ACP Ref. 323699). My husband's family has lived in Kilshanvey for generations. I moved here when we got married and we raised our children here. We love it here - it has been a great place to raise a family in peace.

We are proud of the peaceful rural character of Kilshanvey - its quiet countryside, its wildlife, and its strong sense of place. We believe that this proposed development would permanently damage the environment, heritage, and quality of life in our area.

The proposed turbines are of an enormous and unprecedented height for this part of County Galway. Their visual dominance would destroy the natural landscape character and rural skyline that defines Kilshanvey. The turbines would be visible from our homes, our farm, and along the local walking routes that we and our neighbours enjoy daily.

The scale and proximity of this industrial development are completely inappropriate for a quiet rural area like ours. I love to walk these roads, particularly the loop up around the bog, and that will be spoiled now with the introduction of these turbines. The peatlands around here are already a valuable carbon store. It does not make any sense to dig them up and pour concrete into the bog in the name of green energy.

We were not consulted at all about this proposed development. Leaflets were put in our letterbox but that's all. There wasn't a public meeting, and we couldn't make it into Tuam for the clinic they had there one Thursday.

I ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for the Shancloon Wind Farm. The proposal is unsuited to this sensitive rural area and would bring lasting harm to our community, environment, and heritage. We are not opposed to renewable energy, but it must be located and designed in a way that respects the people that already live here.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Regards,

Helena Farrell
Kilshanvey, Co. Galway