

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Objection to Shancloon Wind Farm Proposal, PAX07.323699

From: Hubert O'Neill, Tobberoe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway H54 A328

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Hubert O'Neill. I moved to Toberoe when I married my wife Caroline, who was born and raised here. This is where we've built our life together. We raised our children in this home. We've watched the seasons change over the bog, listened to the birds in the morning and enjoyed a peace that's rare and precious.

Now this peace is under threat.

Lack of Community Engagement

We attended one meeting with the RWE. They couldn't answer any of our questions, so where was the point. We were told to email them, which we did but the replies were dismissive of all of the concerns we raised. It felt more like a box-ticking exercise than genuine engagement.

They quoted outdated 2006 guidelines, even though An Coimisiún Pleanála has directed them to follow the 2019 draft guidelines (Meeting minutes 10/11/2023). They referenced American property studies, while ignoring Irish research like the 2023 CERIS report from Galway. There was no meaningful response to our concerns.

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/media/researchsites/ceris/files/WP-2023-01.pdf>

Concerns for My Family and Home

I worry deeply about what this development will mean for Caroline and our children. This is our home, not just a location on the developer's map.

- **Health impacts:** Low-frequency noise and infrasound are linked to sleep disruption, headaches, and anxiety. I am deeply worried for my family's wellbeing. Shadow flicker is also a concern especially since the developer has based their analysis on the 2006 guidelines.
- **Bog disturbance and flooding:** What happens when the bog is dug up? Will our home be at risk? Will our insurance cover it?
- **Wildlife loss:** With habitats damaged wildlife will disappear. What happens when the turbines go up and birds are at risk from collision?
- **Construction disruption:** Years of noise, dust, and heavy machinery will change everything.
- **Visual impact:** 180m turbines will dominate the landscape. This isn't a minor change, it's a complete transformation of the place we call home.

I invite you to come here and walk the bog. Stand where Turbine 10 is planned. See for yourself the damage this project will do to the bog, to wildlife, and to the people who live here. Please, don't let this go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Hubert O'Neill

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