

To:
An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm – ABP Ref 323699

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Iarlaith Farrell, and I live in Kilshanvey, less than 2 kilometres from the site of the proposed Shancloon Windfarm. I have lived here all my life - it's where I grew up and where I hope to stay and build a home of my own in the future.

I am writing to object to this development because I am very concerned about the impact it will have on the area, on future generations, and on the environment we all share.

Concerns

1. Planning and Future Prospects

As a young person hoping to stay in my local community, I am worried that living close to a large industrial windfarm will make it extremely difficult to get planning permission or a mortgage in the future. It's hard enough for young people to stay in rural areas, and this development could make it impossible for many of us to build near our families.

2. Risk of Flooding and Water Contamination

The land around Kilshanvey is low-lying, with bogs, turloughs, and underground streams. Disturbing these areas for access roads, turbine bases, and cable routes could easily change natural drainage patterns and increase the risk of flooding. The potential for water contamination from disturbed peat and construction runoff is also a real concern for local wells and waterways.

3. Visual Impact and Landscape Change

The proposed turbines are enormous and would dominate the landscape for miles around. This area is defined by its open countryside, natural views, and peaceful character. Replacing that with industrial-scale turbines would completely change the look and feel of the place. The visual impact on local homes and on the wider community would be severe and permanent.

Conclusion

I am proud to be from Kilconly, and like many young people, I want to stay here, contribute to the community, and maybe raise a family in the same countryside I grew up in. This windfarm would make that dream much harder to achieve.

I respectfully ask An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this proposal and to protect the environment, heritage, and future of our rural community.

Yours faithfully,
Iarlaith Farrell
Kilshanvey, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway

