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The secretary,
An Board Pleanála

RE: Shancloon wind farm ref num 323699

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make an objection to the Shancloon windfarm.

My home for my family is located H54NT65 beside T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 and T6 which im going to be located within 1km of 3 turbines of 185 meter turbines and I will have another 3 turbines within a 2km area a total of 6 on my door step and a further 5 turbines in the distance which will be still visible to the other 5 turbines.

As a home owner living that is possibly going to have to live beside a windfarm I was so disappointed with RWE on their communication with the effected community. The land owners have received lots of return visits when looking to sign their land up, but at a later stage the home owners got a leaflet in our letterbox. I reached out to rwe Kieran burke by phone and email to come to our home and explain how our home would be effected and this meeting never happened he cancelled them and said to wait for more information to be released. I only got to meet RWE team was at the information meeting they called in the ard ri hotel in tuam. This meeting was held on a working weekday and during working hours which ment working people were unable to attend easily, I had to finish work early and my husband had to work so this meant I had to attend with my daughter. A lot of the question that were asked we were told to read it in the planning application. I still was unaware how this large industrial scale energy project was going to affect our lives. Every piece of information that was given to homeowners was just put in the letterbox and no one called to the door to speak to people and they were gone as fast again.

The developers did not consider the impact on the community as they were only interested speaking to land owners, the land owners that have signed up in my area don't live in the area so they are not going have to live with these oversized wind turbines towering over their homes, and the neighbours that live too close get to move away and make money.

Our area is beautiful, the peace and connection to nature all around my homes comes from looking out my window I can see the nearby knockma which has extraordinarily high archaeological signifence, over the beautiful bog land all around s gives us views to see the town of tuam and to our neighbouring village shrule. This bog land area we live in is such a calm area, the community use it to go for peaceful walks, children can safely cycle on the quiet roads and to walk our pets.

I work as a special needs assistant and I offer respite for children in my home. I care for 2 nephews that have autism and cochlear implants. Other children that I help have down syndrome and wear hearing aids, my own child has mental health issues and struggles with sleep. I would have health concerns for these children on how they will be able to cope with respite in a area with 6 large wind turbines in a close proximity. This children use the quiet walk ways on the bog roads to be to go at slow paces as they adjust to the sensory overload, the have quiet for hearing aids and can take in smells and watch the nature all around them.

The child with cochlear implants would pick up low frequency sounds and has no way of turning down these noises coming through with the only other solution to rectify this for an autistic child that's deaf is to take away his hearing device and leave him with no sound, this would be terrible to remove anyone's right to hear. Children with autism often experience sensory processing difficulties making them more sensitive to environmental stimuli like noise, vibrations or visual flicker from turbines, this can lead to heightened distress for these children. These children and families enjoy their relaxed environment of our area when on respite and enjoy sitting in the quiet boglands around my home in a safe quiet space with little traffic to enjoy the nature all around them to help regulate their bodies and minds. The disruption of construction and the effect of have this large scale energy production project will be devastating to see how yet again people with disabilities will not have their safe space to relax.

I would be concerned how the large turbines will affect the lovely wildlife of the swans that arrive to our turloughs and the hawks, pheasants and birds that we see all around our home. I would like to know how the ground and water channels will not be affected and that our home won't have cracks from vibrations to add all these pylons for the turbines. I would be concerned about all the 100,000m³ of bog taken out and replaced with concrete of the habit lost and the flood risk to the land

I feel that that the 11 turbines would be devastating to the beauty of the area I open my door each night it gets dark and I have 7 red lights flashing all the time from the windfarm in Moycullen and its draws my attention every time I go outside I the country side is where you get to see the wonderful night sky and stars and I don't want to see red lights flashing closer all around my home. I would love to think my son would build a home beside us but if wind turbines are beside us he would probaly struggle to get a mortgage because to resell a house who will want to live beside turbines for health reasons. I would not like to have these turbines dominating over our home that we built 20 years ago.

I would like an board pleanala to please look at why we have so many wind farm proposals in county galway, and why do they have to be 185 meters. I would like to see up to date regulations on wind farms before all these proposals are granted permission. And i will ask to consider why all the energy they generate is not being able to be used on the grid and what is used are for data centres that are not anywhere near our community.

Kind regards

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