

### **Proposed Shancloon Windfarm - How it affects me**

Firstly, we are certainly not anti-green, and agree that many changes must be made to combat climate change. Nor are we anti renewable energy, we think that overall its a commendable aspiration, especially at sea. But in this instance, we feel the size and location of the proposed windfarm makes it undesirable and unwanted in our neighbourhood. The turbines will be 180 m tall, and will dwarf all else in our beautiful rural landscape. It may well be acceptable in sparsely populated areas, I dont know, that would be up to the people living in such areas, but way too many people are being adverself affected in our area. The peace and quiet that everyone living in the area, some for 80+ years, currently enjoy will be gone forever, never to return, if this goes ahead.

Our local Church, cemetery, shop and pub are all in Kilconly village. The road between our house and Kilconly village will be used to bring materials to and from the windfarm, and will be virtually impossible to use for up to 2 years while the proposed windfarm would be in the construction stage, making it extremely difficult for us to get to and from Kilconly.

My wife and I currently own 11 horses and are hoping to increase this number, as this provides a significant part of our income and how we make our living. All horses graze fields which are close to the proposed windfarm ( G1850300102, G1850300142, G1850300070, G1850300073), and the turbines will be clearly visible from all the fields. Horses are extremely nervous of the flicker and noise which is emitted from the turbines, which will probably mean we will have to sell them, resulting in a substantial loss of income.

My wife's sister and her husband live close to a windfarm in Moycullen. We stay with them occasionally and, each time we do, I find I get headaches, which always go when we come back to our own house. We have an obvious and legitimate fear that this will be a constant occurrence if the windfarm goes ahead, which would mean that we would have to leave the area, which is definitely not something that we wish to do, but what choice would we have if

health becomes an issue? This has also happened with other windfarms, which only serves to increase my worries, for example see

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We have 2 sons, aged 21 and 23, who have 2 sites earmarked for building on within the next few years, land parcel numbers G1850300073 and G1850300070. Both sites are close to the windfarm and most if not all the turbines will be clearly visible from the sites. The local banks and building society have now informed locals who have looked for mortgages for properties within sight of the turbines, that the amount of money they are prepared to lend is approx 20-25% less than for properties where there is no windfarm in close proximity. This will adversely affect our sons' ability to get a full mortgage, and possibly result in them not being able to afford to build their houses. The only other option would be for them to buy sites away from the windfarm, which would be a considerable and unnecessary expense, since they already have 2 ideal sites. In addition, both houses would, if built, be affected by flicker and noise from the turbines, meaning that they may not be habitable for health reasons. It would also obviously decrease the number of potential buyer and, consequently, their value if they were to be sold. Or, if there proved to be serious health problems, that they could never be sold.

For all the above reasons we strongly oppose the proposed windfarm. We understand that, if the proposal gets the go ahead, there will be protests and road blockages, and we will fully stand with the many others in the area that

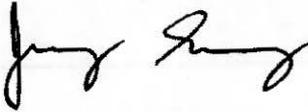
intend organising these actions.

Regards,

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**Field No:** G1850465  
**Townland Code:** G18403  
**Townland Name:** BOADAUN

Parcel	Digitised	Eligible Hectare	Claimed
G1840300024	0.71	0.71	0.71
G1840300025	0.63	0.63	0.63
G1840300030	2.84	2.82	2.82

Parcel	Excl	Area	Red%	Elig	Type
G1840300025	0007	0.02	100	0	SOIL
G1840300030	0009	0.02	100	0	River

**Townland Code:** G18503  
**Townland Name:** CLOONAGLASHA

Parcel	Digitised	Eligible Hectare	Claimed
G1850300070	0.04	0.04	0.02
G1850300072	3.04	3.04	3.04
G1850300073	0.82	0.82	0.81
G1850300074	1.73	1.73	1.73
G1850300086	1.38	0	0
G1850300102	1.07	1.07	1.04
G1850300106	0.28	0.28	0.28
G1850300109	0.23	0	0
G1850300110	1.07	1.07	1.02
G1850300142	0.3	0.3	0.3

**Ortho Used:** VSCR\_LATEST\_ORTHO

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