
Re: Objection to Proposed Wind Farm Development near Curlawn, Caherlistrane

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed wind farm development [Case Ref 323699] near our home at Curlawn, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway. I have lived here for the past five years with my husband and our children, and we built our home here because we wanted a peaceful life surrounded by nature and family.

1. Impact on Our Family and Home

This is a quiet, rural area, and that is why we chose to live here. The thought of large turbines so close to our home fills me with worry. The noise, flicker, and constant movement will take away the peace and calm that we enjoy every day.

We worked very hard to build our house and make a home for our family. I am deeply worried about how this will affect our lives, our health, and the value of our home. It's heartbreaking to think that something like this could change everything we've built.

2. Our Children's Future and Family Land

We always hoped our children would be able to stay close when they grow up, maybe build on the family land and continue to live here where their roots are. But if this wind farm goes ahead, I fear they won't have that chance.

I've already heard that wind farms can make it harder for people to get planning permission or mortgages. It's wrong that our children's future could be affected like this because of a development they had no say in.

3. Nature and the Bogland Behind Our Home

Out the back of our house is a beautiful wetland and bog area that floods in winter. It's full of life — birds, frogs, and even pine martens. It's a special place for us. I often bring our children for walks there to explore nature. They love spotting the little animals and birds, and it's something we do together all the time.

If the bog is dug up and covered in concrete for these turbines, it will destroy all of that. The thought of it being gone is devastating. This area should be protected, not torn apart. It also floods badly in winter, and I'm very concerned this could get worse when they start digging and draining the land.

4. Behaviour of the Wind Farm Company

The way the wind farm company has handled things has been very disappointing. They have not been open or honest with people in the community. They've caused arguments between neighbours and have not shown real respect for local families.

They said they would call to people's doors, but I was home when they came by and they didn't even knock — they just left a leaflet. That shows how little interest they have in truly listening to local residents.

5. Conclusion

This wind farm will change everything about our community — our peace, our landscape, and our way of life. We chose this place because it's quiet and full of nature, and that's what we want for our children.

I feel heartbroken thinking about what might happen to the bog and the wildlife we enjoy. My children love walking there, looking for birds and frogs, and it's part of their happy memories growing up here.

I strongly object to this proposal and ask that An Coimisiun Pleanála protect the families, homes, and environment of this area by refusing permission for this development.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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