

Re: Objection to Shanclon Wind Farm – ACP Ref. 323699

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed Shanclon Wind Farm (ACP Ref. 323699). My family home in Cloonaglasha is situated approximately 1.2 kilometres from the nearest proposed turbine. Given this proximity, the development poses substantial and multi-dimensional impacts on our property, our wellbeing, and our future in the community.

In October 2024, we received approval in principle for our mortgage. A valuation undertaken on 7 November 2024 noted explicitly that the proposed wind farm “may affect future saleability, marketability and mortgageability” of properties within the surrounding area. Upon reviewing this report, our mortgage provider placed an immediate hold on our application for approximately three months, requiring a revised valuation solely because of concerns linked to the proposed turbines. This delay caused considerable stress and financial uncertainty for our young family, and it provides clear, documented evidence that the mere prospect of this development has already adversely affected our home. It is therefore reasonable to conclude that the construction of the wind farm will result in tangible and long-term depreciation of our property.

Our dwelling is identified as House No. 125 in both the Shadow Flicker Study and the Receptor Impact Assessment. These classifications confirm that our home is expected to experience shadow flicker, visual intrusion, and associated amenity impacts. Such impacts are widely recognised in academic and valuation literature as drivers of diminished property value and reduced desirability for prospective buyers. Their presence in the developer’s own studies reinforces the seriousness of the expected consequences.

We are a young family, and we hold significant concerns regarding the potential health implications associated with turbine proximity. Research highlights that low-frequency noise, turbine amplitude modulation, and shadow flicker can contribute to sleep disturbance, stress, and reduced quality of life—effects that are especially concerning for children. A development of this scale at a distance of just 1.2 kilometres is incompatible with the creation of a stable, healthy residential environment.

I am also deeply concerned about the long-term implications for our children's ability to live within the local area. The introduction of turbines at this proximity may create planning constraints that restrict future residential development on family lands. This has serious social implications, effectively limiting generational continuity and community cohesion. The potential loss of our children's opportunity to build in their home place represents a profound and irreversible community impact.

While I support the State's objectives regarding renewable energy, such development must be appropriately sited. In this instance, the cumulative evidence—including documented financial impact, identified residential amenity effects, and credible concerns regarding health and future development restrictions—demonstrates that the proposed wind farm is unsuitable for this location.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanála refuse permission for the Shancloon Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully,

John and Anita Lardner.

Cloonaglasha,

Tuam,

Co. Galway