

An Bord Pleanála / An Coimisiún Pleanála

Date: 10/11/2025

Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm (323699)

From: Jonathan Concannon

To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the above planning application on the following grounds. My wife and I have lived at our family home for many years. We are raising our two children here and have a legitimate expectation to enjoy our property in peace. The siting and proposed operation of Turbine T10 (and associated works) will cause serious, unreasonable and lasting harm to our enjoyment, health and property value.

1. Noise — construction and operational phases

We are deeply concerned about both the construction phase (heavy vehicles, prolonged works, night-time working, vibration and dust) and the operational noise (tonal thump, low-frequency noise and intermittent/erratic noise) from the turbines. Evidence in recent Irish High Court decisions shows that wind turbine noise can amount to an actionable nuisance where it substantially interferes with the ordinary use and enjoyment of a dwelling. The Court in Wexford found that noise from nearby turbines constituted an “unreasonable interference” with the enjoyment of properties and awarded damages. Planning permission for a wind farm does not automatically prevent a finding of nuisance at common law. [The Irish Times+1](#)

2. Destruction of the bog / environmental and ecological harm

The proposed works across the bog area will cause removal/disturbance of peat, damage to habitats and risks to hydrology and local biodiversity. The bog is an important ecological and landscape feature; damage to it would be irreversible and reduce the biodiversity and natural amenity that our family has enjoyed for decades.

3. Environmental nuisance and our right to peaceful enjoyment

We work extremely hard for our home and have the right to rest and peaceful enjoyment of our property. The impacts described above — noise, flicker, night lighting, increased traffic and ecological loss — cumulatively amount to an environmental nuisance that would deprive us of our home’s amenity. Recent High Court decisions confirm that courts will consider the real-world effects (sleep disturbance, anxiety, loss of amenity) when assessing whether wind farm operations amount to nuisance. [WILLIAM FRY+1](#)

4. Increased cost of insurance & financial consequences

Since the operation of the nearby wind farm our insurance costs (or the risk of increased premia) are a legitimate concern. Lenders’ and insurers’ positions in areas subject to industrial nuisance or significant change in amenity can also materially affect property security and value.

5. Future planning and life decisions for our children

We fear that the presence of the development so close to our home will make it difficult for our children to obtain future planning permission to extend, adapt or develop on family land, or to obtain a mortgage on nearby family properties. This proposal places in doubt the long-term plans we had for passing property securely to our children.

Legal / case-law relevance (Wexford decisions)

I ask the Board to note recent High Court rulings out of County Wexford which are directly relevant to how nuisance from wind turbines is now being treated by Irish courts:

- In Meenacloghspar / Ballyduff (Co. Wexford) the High Court found that noise from nearby turbines amounted to an “unreasonable interference” with the enjoyment of properties and that the operation of turbines can give rise to a compensatable nuisance even where planning permission had originally been granted. The Court emphasised the character of the noise (intermittent, unpredictable, and intrusive in quiet periods) when reaching its decision. [The Irish Times+1](#)

- In a later Wexford case (Gibbet Hill/Bunclody) the High Court ordered the permanent shutdown of certain turbines and awarded significant damages, concluding that, in those circumstances, shutting down the turbines was the fair, just and appropriate remedy. This demonstrates the seriousness with which the courts will treat sustained nuisance from operational turbines. [TheJournal.ie+1](#)

Requested outcome / remedies sought

Given the magnitude and multiplicity of the impacts listed above, I respectfully request that the Board:

1. Refuse permission for the development as currently proposed; OR, if the Board is inclined to grant permission, that it impose robust conditions that fully mitigate impacts on nearest receptors including but not limited to: guaranteed maximum operational noise limits demonstrated by independent post-construction monitoring, enforceable curfew/night-time shut-down conditions, strict controls on red-lighting intensity/positioning and use of mitigations to eliminate shadow flicker at our dwelling, and absolute prohibition of night-time construction works near our property.
2. Require the applicants to prepare and submit a full, independent post-construction noise & vibration monitoring programme and a wetland/peat hydrology protection and restoration plan, with bonds to secure remediation.
3. Take full account of the recent Wexford High Court judgments on nuisance when assessing whether the proposed development, even if it meets technical planning thresholds, would nonetheless give rise to unacceptable interference with the enjoyment of private residences.

Conclusion

For the reasons above — noise, flicker, intrusive lighting, ecological damage, financial impacts and the threat to our family’s quiet enjoyment of the home we have worked for — I object to the proposal and request the Board to refuse permission or to impose the stringent conditions and monitoring described above.

Yours faithfully,

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