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Formal Objection to Planning Application Ref: PAX07. 323699

To whom it may concern:

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the Shancloon Wind Farm development by RWE Renewables Ireland Limited on behalf of our 9 year old son Jamie who is Autistic. We moved here in March 2023 as it is a safe and quiet environment for our son.

Our Objection is based on serious and well-documented concerns about:

1. The health safety, and welfare of our Son, we live within 1.7km from the nearest turbine, and our family unit.
2. The Cumulative impacts of 11 turbines and associated infrastructure on residential amenity, health, and mental health.
3. Contradictions with Irish, European and international law policy, including protections for children and people with disabilities.
4. Included in this submission is a letter from Jamie's GP Dr Noel Howard
5. The impact of approximately 70 to 80 HGV's a day for up to 22 and 24 months on our main access route to work/primary care/school on the L6483, L6486 and R332.

Impact on children with Disabilities and Family Rights

We are the parents of a young autistic child who is highly vulnerable to change in his sensory environment. He is under the care of CDNT7 (Child Disability Network Team) who can verify his clinical needs and risks.

- He already faces sleep disruption, sensory processing difficulties and behavioural regulation challenges.
- Exposure to turbine infrasound, low-frequency noise, and shadow flicker will severely exacerbate these problems.
- Sleep deprivation has devastating knock-on effects on physical health, emotional stability, learning and development (World Health Organisation, 2018).
- Regression is a significant risk, undoing years of progress made with therapies and supports.

If we are forced to leave our home:

- He would lose his Special Educational Plans carefully tailored in his school, damaging his educational, social and emotional progress.
- He would lose access to his existing therapeutic supports under CDNT7, likely being moved to another team after years of struggle to obtain support.

As the Galway County Development Plan designates large areas of the county as “open to consideration” for renewable energy developments, there is nowhere within County Galway where families like ours can relocate safely.

Contraventions of Law and Rights

This development would directly contravene:

- **The UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD, 2006).**
- **The UN Convention on the rights of the Child (UNCRC, 1989).**
- **The Disability Act 2005.**
- **The Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 (EPSEN Act).**

Each of these instruments requires that children with disabilities are given stability, protection and environments where they can thrive. Allowing a wind farm at this proximity to our family home would breach those obligations.

The impact of approximately 70 to 80 HGV's a day for up to 22 and 24 months on our main access route to work/primary care/school on the L6483/ L6486 and R332.

These are the roads we use on a daily basis to get to work, school collection, therapies etc. The Castlegrove road Ballinrobe-Tuam (R332) is the main road used by traffic coming to and from Kilconly and proposed within the EIAR as the main access roads to the development site. There are no details on how traffic will be managed on the L class roads above or the R332. It is not suitable and will cause disruption on a massive scale for us personally as well as every other local resident. Not to mention damage to our roads and local environment with such a huge amount of HGV's and machinery using these roads on a daily basis for approx 22 to 24 months.

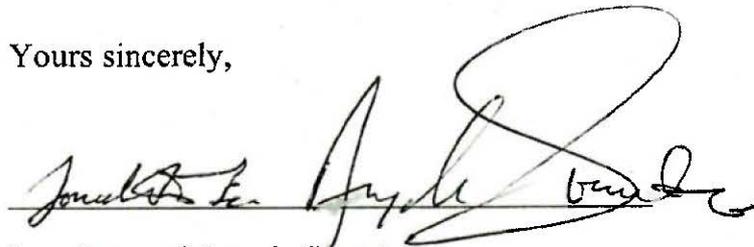
Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that An Coimisiun Pleanala refuse planning permission for Planning Application Ref: 323699 on the grounds of:

- Adverse health and safeguarding impacts on our Autistic son living within the 2km zone from the proposed wind farm.
- Cumulative health and social impacts of 11 turbines.
- Contradictions with Irish and international commitments to protect children and persons with disabilities.
- Damage and stress caused to us and our local community with the use of so many trucks, HGVs and other machinery on our local roads.

This objection is made formally on behalf of Jamie Staunton, whose rights and welfare would be severely undermined by this development.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan and Angela Staunton', written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan and Angela Staunton

(On behalf of Jamie Staunton)



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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Master Jamie Staunton
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Dear

This letter is in support of Jamie, who is a patient of mine, and his family.

There is a proposal for wind turbines nearby.

I would support their objection to this proposal on medical grounds.

Jamie is a lovely 9 year old boy who is autistic. As such, he has significant sensory issues.

It is likely that the noise and shadow flicker from the turbine(s) would cause Jamie huge distress.

The family are also concerned about infrasound frequency.

I would urge that their legitimate concerns about the effects this development could have on Jamie's health and quality of life be addressed.

Kind Regards,


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