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To:
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
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Re: Submission on Proposed Wind Farm Development – Shancloon windfarm development in the townlands of Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonnaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Shancloon, Toberroe and Tonacooleen, County Galway.

Case Number : PAX07.323699

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to / make a submission regarding the proposed Shancloon wind farm, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR). My home, located at Cloonnaglasha, is identified within the shadow flicker zone of the proposed turbines.

My house was specifically designed and oriented to maximise natural sunlight in the kitchen, living area, sunroom, and outdoor patio area, which are all positioned to enjoy sunlight throughout the day and the beautiful Connemara mountain range, Croagh Patrick, and evening sunsets. The placement of turbines up to 185 metres in height will not only cast significant shadow flicker over these areas but will also obstruct these valued views that are intrinsic to the enjoyment, design, and amenity of my home.

The EIAR acknowledges that my property is within the shadow flicker impact zone, and I have attached photographs illustrating the orientation of my house and the surrounding landscape to demonstrate the severity of this impact.

In addition, my property is listed as a receptor for turbine noise. This is of serious concern to me due to the potential for continuous or intermittent noise disturbance, especially during night-time hours. The cumulative effects of shadow flicker and turbine noise will significantly reduce the residential amenity, tranquillity, and overall quality of life at my home.

My farm is part of the ACRES environmental scheme, which actively supports biodiversity. As part of this initiative, my land includes measures designed to attract and support barn owls. I also have resident pairs of buzzards and kestrels, both of which are protected bird species. The introduction of large turbines in close proximity poses a significant risk to these birds due to potential collision hazards and displacement from their natural hunting areas.

Furthermore, there is a children's burial ground located approximately 1,200 metres from the proposed turbines. This burial site is of significant local historical and cultural importance, serving as a place of remembrance and reflection for the community. The installation of large industrial turbines in such proximity would detract from the dignity, tranquillity, and sacred nature of this site. This aspect of cultural heritage and sensitivity should be fully assessed by the relevant authorities before any decision is made.

There is also a blessed well beside the children's burial which is not marked on this map in the EIA report. Reference: P20-306_figure_11_6_Aquifer_Classification_and_Groundwater_Wells. It's very concerning that this Groundwater Well is not included.

Given these factors, I respectfully request that Coimisiún Pleanála give full consideration to:

The residential and visual impacts caused by shadow flicker and loss of views;

The noise impacts identified in the EIA;

The potential ecological impacts on protected bird species and ACRES conservation measures; and

The proximity and cultural sensitivity of the nearby children's burial ground.

Given these factors, I respectfully request that Coimisiún Pleanála give full consideration to the adverse residential, visual, and noise impacts that this proposal will have on my home. I ask that these impacts be fully and independently assessed and that appropriate mitigation measures, or refusal of the development if necessary, be considered.

Please find attached photographs showing the orientation of my home and the surrounding landscape where the proposed turbines will be located.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,
Jonathan & Karen Byrne





















