

## Objection to the Proposed Shancloon Windfarm

Dear Sir / Madam,

We wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm (ABP Ref. 323699).

We are Kathleen and Paddy Connern, and with our son Brian, we live in Ratesh, approximately 2km from the proposed turbines. From our home, we will be able to see the turbines clearly across the fields. We have lived here for many years and greatly value the tranquillity and natural beauty of this area. It is an untouched landscape, rich in biodiversity, with a vibrant community living peacefully alongside nature. The people here take great pride in their surroundings and the strong community spirit that makes this such a special place to live.

Our main concerns in relation to this development are as follows:

- **Noise and Loss of Tranquillity:** The construction and operation of turbines would destroy the peace and quiet that residents value so deeply. Noise, both during the lengthy construction period and from turbine operation, would have a major impact on the quality of life in this peaceful rural area.
- **Construction Traffic:** The narrow country roads around Kilconly, particularly in Ironpool which is the route that will be used by the developers, are not designed to accommodate heavy construction traffic. The volume of vehicles, machinery, and roadworks would create noise, safety risks, and disruption for local residents.
- **Lack of Consultation:** There has been no proper consultation with neighbours. Despite the scale of this proposal, there was no public meeting held locally by the developers where residents could voice their concerns or receive clear information.
- **Impact on Bog and Local Ecosystem:** The area contains valuable bogland that supports a wide range of wildlife and acts as a natural carbon store and water regulator. Any disturbance or removal of peat could have serious consequences, including flooding, water contamination, and loss of biodiversity.
- **Risk of Flooding:** The bog plays a vital role in absorbing rainfall and preventing water runoff. Its removal and the introduction of large amounts of concrete and fill will alter drainage patterns and increase the risk of flooding in the surrounding areas.

This proposal threatens not only the peace and quiet that define this community but also the delicate balance of the local ecosystem that residents have cared for and respected for generations.

I urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to consider the serious and lasting impacts that this project would have on the environment, the community, and the wellbeing of those who live here, and to refuse permission for the proposed Shancloon Windfarm.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen and Paddy Connern, and Brian Connern  
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