

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála / Galway County Council

Re: Objection to the proposed Shancloon Windfarm 323699

Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Liam Daly, and I live with my wife less than one kilometre from the proposed Turbine T10. We have lived here for many years and raised our two daughters in this home. We love our community and the peace and quiet of the area, but we are now very worried about what this development would mean for us and for our future.

Shadow Flicker

Because of how close we are to T10, it's very likely that our home will be affected by shadow flicker. We've seen what this looks like elsewhere — the constant flashing of light and shadow coming through the windows — and it would make it impossible to relax or even sit comfortably in our own kitchen or living room.

Noise

We are concerned about both the construction and the operation of the turbines. The noise during construction — heavy machinery, lorries, and long working hours — would be very disruptive on our quiet rural roads. Once operational, the turbines themselves will generate a constant noise, particularly in still or calm weather, when sound can carry. This is not the kind of noise you can just "get used to." It would completely change the peace of our home life.

Red Aviation Lights at Night

The thought of the red aviation lights flashing in the sky each night is deeply upsetting. We live in a dark, rural area where you can still see the stars. Those red lights will be visible from our house and will destroy the darkness and calm that we've always enjoyed here.

Destruction of the Bog and Impact on Wildlife

The boglands near us are an important part of the local environment. They support wildlife, hold water, and are a big part of what makes this area so special. Digging up peat and running heavy machinery across it will destroy the bog and could lead to flooding and habitat loss. We also often see Whooper Swans flying over the area in winter — they are beautiful, protected birds that depend on the bogs and wetlands around here. This development would disturb their flight paths and feeding grounds.

Environmental Nuisance & Quality of Life

My wife and I have worked extremely hard all our lives for our home. We should be able to come home in the evenings, sit in our garden, and enjoy peace and quiet — not be surrounded by noise, flicker, flashing lights, and constant industrial activity. Everyone has a right to live in a safe and peaceful environment. This development would take that away from us.

Insurance and Property Value

We are worried that living so close to turbines could increase our home insurance costs or cause new exclusions in our policy. We also fear that our property value will fall. Few people would choose to buy or live in a home less than a kilometre from such large industrial structures,

especially with noise, flicker and red lights at night. We've worked hard to build a secure home for our family, and we don't want to see that value destroyed.

Future for Our Daughters

We hope that one day our daughters might be able to build near us, to stay close to home. But if this windfarm goes ahead, we fear that planning permission for new houses will be harder to get and that the area will be far less desirable for them to settle in.

Poor Community Engagement

Although we did meet with representatives from RWE, we came away feeling that our concerns were not really listened to or taken seriously. The meeting felt more like a formality than a genuine effort to understand how people living closest to these turbines will be affected. There has been very little real engagement or open discussion with the local community, despite how big an impact this project will have on us.

We are not against renewable energy, but it needs to be done in the right places and with proper regard for the people who already live there. Putting turbines of this scale so close to family homes is simply not fair.

For all of these reasons, I am strongly opposed to this development and ask that permission be refused.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Daly

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