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Planning Number: 323699

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a retired principal who has spent over 30 years serving the educational community. I am writing to formally object to the proposed construction of the Shanclon Wind Farm (**Planning Number: 323699**) located approximately 2.5 kilometres from two local schools (Kilconly and Caherlistrane) in light of the profound potential impact on the wellbeing, health, and educational environment of the children in these communities. My grandmother grew up in Kilconly and I have many relatives living there including my godson.

Throughout my career, I witnessed firsthand the importance of a stable and conducive learning environment. Introducing industrial-scale (180m high) wind turbines in such close proximity to schools raises serious short-and long-term concerns:

Noise Pollution and Health Concerns

Recent case law, including the 2024 High Court ruling in Co Wexford, identified that noise from wind turbines constitutes a legal nuisance and can substantially interfere with residents' enjoyment of their homes. Scientific studies and guidance from the WHO note the risk of sleep disturbance, stress, headaches, and other health issues from continuous or low-frequency noise exposure. Schools are environments where concentration, intellectual engagement, and mental wellbeing are paramount, and placing turbines within 2.5 km threatens this critical setting.

Visual and Environmental Impact

Industrial turbines, particularly those exceeding 150 metres in height, impose a significant visual intrusion on the natural landscape. Children learn and develop best in environments that foster calm and focus; the presence of large, rotating turbines, visible daily from classrooms and playgrounds, is disruptive to the serenity of the school setting. There is also a real risk to local wildlife, which can have both environmental and educational consequences for school programmes that incorporate outdoor learning or environmental stewardship.

Community and Property Implications

Proposed wind farms of this scale have historically contributed to devaluation of nearby properties. This poses broader social challenges for local families, many of whom may have / choose to sell up, thereby destabilizing the sense of community cohesion, critical to school culture, which currently exists in the area. I have grave concerns that increased traffic during construction will pose a risk to children's health (pollution) and safety when commuting to and from school.

Given the above concerns, I respectfully request that the planning authority reconsider the siting of this project in the interest of protecting children's health, wellbeing, and the integrity of educational environments. I sincerely hope that these concerns will be thoroughly considered and request that planning permission is refused in this instance.

Finally has consideration been given to the risk of potential compensation cases being initiated in the event that future physical and mental detriment to individuals are proved to be linked to the Wind Farm and it can be shown that the scientific evidence presented in objections to this proposal, were ignored?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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