

**Martine Ide and Stephen Bass**  
**Brackloon,**  
**Shrule,**  
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**25/10/25**

**The Secretary,**  
**An Bord Pleanála,**  
**64 Malborough Street,**  
**Dublin 1, D01 V902**

Re: Shancloon Windfarm

Wind Farm Comprising of 11 Wind Turbines and Associated Infrastructure.

Address: In the Townlands of Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Ironpool, Shancloon, Tobberoe and Tonacooleen, Co Galway

**Ref Number: An Bord Pleanála: PA07.323699**

To whom it may concern

We are Martine Ide and Stephen Bass. We live around 780m from the proposed Shancloon Windfarm. We wish to object to this proposal as we have several concerns on the effect it will have on the area where we have lived happily for 25 years.

1. Peace & Quiet

One of things we value most about living where we do is the peace and quiet. It is a beautiful place to live, surrounded by nature, and we have been able to bring up our children safely, instilling in them a love of nature, and respect for the environment. We are deeply concerned that the peace and quiet is about to be shattered – both during the construction phase and the operational phase. We foster children and are worried that this may limit the number of children that we can offer a home to due to the impact of the sound and flicker, particularly on children with sensory issues or anxiety.

2. Whooper Swans Flight Path

Where we live is below a flight path of the Whooper Swans who come here every winter to visit the local turloughs. Because we live so close to a turbine, we would be extremely concerned about the collision risk with these magnificent birds, which are listed in Annex I of the EU Birds Directive and so should be protected.

3. Community Engagement

We don't believe the developers really considered the impact on the people who live here. The only communication we had with them was in June this year when we booked a slot at the Clinic they had in the Ard Rí Hotel in Tuam. We found it very unsatisfactory. They couldn't answer our questions, and didn't offer any solution or reassurance to our worries.

4. WiFi

We are quite dependant on WiFi in this household. Stephen works from home, Martine is a mature student who needs WiFi to help complete her studies, and we have children going to school who need WiFi for their homework. We have read that Wind Farms can interfere with WiFi signals and this is a concern for us. We checked the EIAR and it says that Enet and Virgin both have radio link near the proposed Windfarm.

For the above reasons we ask that you do not approve this application. We think the developers need to speak more with the people who will be living with the impacts and take their concerns on board.

Regards,

Martine Ide & Stephen Bass