

## **Shanclon Wind Farm – Case Reference PAX07.323699**

### **Introduction**

My name is Mary Keady of Dalgan Road, Shrulce, Co. Mayo (H91 F6H6). I am 63 years old and have lived here all my life. I was born, raised, and married in this parish, and it is deeply part of who I am. I treasure the peace and quiet of our area, the chance to explore nature, and the beautiful country views that surround us. I am deeply concerned that all of this will disappear if the Shanclon Wind Farm goes ahead, and that we will be left living in a concrete jungle. The Black River, which flows close to my home and near the proposed development, is a place I walk to often. I love watching the swans and the many birds that visit this peaceful stretch of water. I fear the river will be polluted and the wildlife driven away.

### **Lack of Consultation**

There has been no meaningful consultation from the developer. We did speak to them on one occasion and we were told **we wouldn't see the turbines**. This is **completely untrue** and we most certainly will see them, the nearest turbine 2 will be less than 2km away. This lack of engagement is particularly concerning given the scale of the proposed development, which will have a significant impact on neighbouring properties. The height of the turbines are entirely out of keeping with the surrounding area. Residents should have been meaningfully consulted at an early stage, especially given the potential disruption, long term effects on local character/amenity and residents wellbeing.

### **Noise Monitoring Deficiencies**

No background noise monitoring was carried out near homes in County Mayo, including Brackloon, where some properties are just 800 metres from Turbine 2. Without onsite measurements, the predicted noise levels are speculative, especially under southerly or easterly winds, which would carry sound towards our homes. This gap in data undermines confidence in the noise modelling and leaves residents here without a reliable assessment.

### **Site Notices**

No planning site notices were displayed in our area, despite some properties being within 800m of Turbine 2. The lack of site notices contravenes Schedule 3 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), which require site notices to be erected in sufficient number and in such positions as to be easily visible and legible by members of the public. The omission means that residents and landowners in this sector were not properly notified of the planning application and were therefore deprived of their statutory right to make informed observations within the consultation period. This procedural failure

constitutes a **material defect in the public notice process**, and as such, An Coimisiún Pleanála cannot be satisfied that the application has been validly advertised.

This development will destroy our parish and damage our mental health. I have very young grandchildren, and I worry deeply about their future and their wellbeing. This development is too big with 180m high turbines so close to our home. We do not want this development. It will ruin our area and the lives of everyone who calls it home.

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