

Re: Objection to Proposed Wind Farm Development in Shancloon/ Caherlistrane  
[Case Ref 323699]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed wind farm development planned near my home and farm at Curlawn, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway. I have lived and worked on this land all my life, and I am deeply concerned about the effects this project will have on my family's health, our farm, and the future of the next generation.

### 1. Impact on My Wife's Health and My Grandchildren's Wellbeing

My wife is a cancer patient and also suffered a heart attack four years ago. She depends on the peace and quiet of this place to rest and recover. The constant noise, flicker, and vibration from wind turbines so close to our home would cause her great distress and could seriously affect her health.

I also worry about my grandchildren, who live beside me and spend a lot of time here on the farm. This is their safe place to grow up — full of open space, nature, and fresh air. The thought of them living under the shadow of turbines and listening to the constant noise day and night is very upsetting.

### 2. A Lifetime of Work and the Future of Our Family

I have worked hard all my life — days, nights, and weekends — alongside my wife and my late parents, to build up our farm, raise our children, and give them a good future. We put everything we had into this land and our home.

Now, to think that all that work could be devalued because of this development is heartbreaking. If these turbines go up, the value of our land and house will fall, and the future we hoped to leave behind for our children and grandchildren will be damaged.

It is disheartening to think that there may be no future left in this area for our grandchildren if this project goes ahead. Families like ours who have cared for the land for generations are being pushed aside for the sake of profit and greed.

### 3. Impact on Our Farm, Livestock, and the Wetland

Our farm lies directly beside a large wetland area that floods every winter. The water often comes up onto our land, and we manage it carefully to protect our fields and our stock.

The proposal to dig out thousands of tons of bog and soil near this wetland and replace it with concrete foundations will make flooding far worse. The water will have nowhere to go but onto our land. I have no doubt this will seriously affect our fields, drainage, and grazing areas.

I am also concerned about what impact the turbines, noise, and vibration will have on our cattle. Cows are sensitive animals, and noise or disturbance can cause them stress and affect milk production, breeding, and general wellbeing. No one seems to have considered what these changes will do to animals living within such a short distance of these turbines.

I live within one kilometre of the proposed turbines. That is far too close to any home or working farm.

### 4. Conduct of the Wind Farm Company (RWE)

Since RWE came into this area, their behaviour has been disgraceful. They have shown nothing but greed and disrespect for the people who live here. They have gone to homes at all hours, pressuring and bullying people to sign up. They have told lies, spread misinformation, and caused division among friends and neighbours who once got on well.

They have created tension and upset in our community, and it seems that no one is holding them accountable for their actions. It is very worrying that a company can behave in this way — misleading and intimidating local residents — and yet not seem to answer to anyone for it.

Their actions show a complete lack of responsibility and respect for rural communities and the people who live here.

## 5. Conclusion

I have spent my life working this land and providing for my family. I never thought I'd see the day when all of that could be put at risk by a development like this. It will harm our health, our farm, our land, and our future.

The damage to the wetland, the increase in flooding, the effect on animals, and the loss of peace and value for local families cannot be justified. We have earned the right to live in peace and leave something of worth behind for our children and grandchildren.

I ask An Coimisiun Pleanála to take our concerns seriously and to refuse permission for this project.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

Yours Sincerely,

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