

## Community Interview Sheet-Wind farm Opposition

1. Can you describe where you live in relation to the proposed wind farm site?

I live on the '2km' zone edge.

2. How long have you lived in this area?

30+ years

3. What do you value most about living here?

The quite environment. Strolls onto the backroads that run through the bog land of the proposed wind farm. I have a keen interest in wildlife its habitat and preservation. The fauna, birds and aquatic life. The synergy that keeps a healthy environment alive and flourishing.

4. What are your main concerns about the proposed wind farm?

The huge impact on the people living in the environs of the proposed, unnatural monstrosities and the lack of care or responsibility to the community. (Other communities have proven this).

Furthermore wind farms are going bankrupt. The inefficient output of approx. 19% is deplorable and the destruction it brings to the community. I question the sustainability, as the quantity of carbon sequestered in the

production of one turbine is ever going to be paid back during the life time of a wind turbine?

The community are not profiting from these farms. Token gestures and platitudes will never repair the fractures and damage caused in a community.

5. Do you feel the developer has adequately considered the impact on local residence?

Definitely not. Level of engagement has been to a minimum.

6. Do you have concerns about how the wind farm might affect local wildlife, peatlands, or water systems?

The environment is a very delicate eco system and the balance is always teetering on an edge between human activity and in this instance the gross commercial interference of said eco system in the name of 'net zero' green agendas etc. Bog lands are particularly sensitive areas and all the work over the past number of years to preserve this, research and studies of the plants/animals/insects, unique to areas are suddenly thrown out in the name of 'sustainability'!

7. Have you noticed any changes in the land or the water in recent years that might be relevant?

The bat population has dwindled significantly over the past 30+ years. Bats are one of the best indicators of a sensitive environment due to their feeding habits of flies etc.

Dragon fly population has also dwindled and disturbing their habitat will unquestionably put them under immense strain and possibly wipe them out of the area.

The water system of rivers in the local area (River Black) of proposed wind turbines all run off into lough Corrib which is a mains water supply for hundreds of homes. We are having large quantity of rain fall in very short periods, putting pressure on the drainage systems.

8. Do you have any health conditions that might be affected by noise, vibration, or stress from the development?

I visited a wind farm site to find out how my body would react, if at all, to such monstrosities. I sustained a blistering migraine for days following it. This is not something that I want or will accept in my living environment. Which is currently quiet and for the most part filled with nature sounds not unnatural, high vibrational when the wind is stronger to the infrasound that cannot be heard or escaped. This is particularly prevalent at night time.

Research from Washington University by Scientist Alec Salt Phd.

Salt and his colleagues are currently investigating a biological phenomenon called amplitude modulation caused by infrasound. He compares it to the effect of turning a stereo's volume up and down repeatedly. In addition, they are studying the possible role infrasound plays in causing endolymphatic hydrops, the swelling of one of the fluid-filled compartments in the inner ear.

Large commercial wind turbines are responsible for the strongest infrasound. These turbines can be over 600 feet tall (182 meters) when the tip of one of the blades reaches its peak.

9. How do you think the wind farm might affect your mental wellbeing or sense of peace in the area?

If I were to be effected by migraines due to the turbines proximity to my home and environs, I would be deeply traumatised and upset. As I was bed ridden as a result of said migraine from my visit to a wind farm. This was only for a few minutes. But to live in this environment constantly raises many concerns for my health and my family's health and mental wellbeing.

I studied sound healing and I know the profound effect sound has on the human body.

### **Rethinking Sound Perception**

In addition to providing compelling evidence of the perception of sound at the cell level, this study also challenges the traditional concept of sound perception by living beings, which is that it is mediated by receptive organs like the brain. It turns out that your cells respond to sounds, too.

Reference: "Acoustic modulation of mechanosensitive genes and adipocyte differentiation" by Masahiro Kumeta, Makoto Otani, Masahiro Toyoda and Shige H. Yoshimura, 16 April 2025, *Communications Biology*.

10. Do you feel the community has been properly consulted by RWE or the planning authorities?

I have had no communications and this is probably due to the fact that I live on the 2km boundary and not deemed effected. Sound and particularly infrasound don't stop at invisible 2km zones.

11. Have you attended any public meetings or received information from developers?

I attended a heated local meeting at the start, which was very informative and well structured. I have been unable to attend further meeting due to weekend work when most meeting are held. But have stayed abreast of the situation.

12. How do you feel about the visible impact of the 180m turbines on the landscape?

Horrendous: The peaceful and vibrant habitat of this location will be forever distorted and destroyed by the greed of an unsustainable ideology.

13. Are there any cultural, historical or scenic sites nearby that you feel would be negatively affected?

The views of Cnoc Meadha and the surrounding location will be eviscerated of its beauty. Period.

14. If you could say one thing to An Bord Pleanála, what would it be?

STOP: For decades we have heard the save the bog lands, save the wetlands. Save the sand dunes, save the biodiversity of our natural and unique environment etc.

Houses have to “fit” into the landscape?

Yet planning permission is allowed and given, which causes savage and abject destruction of those aforementioned causes. Why? Money? Because, it is not about a green sustainable environment and communities are being sabotaged!

This is gas lighting on a grand scale!

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