



An Open Letter from Friends of Kilconly Wetlands

5 November 2025

To our community

As many of you are aware, an application has been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a wind farm development in Shancloon, Toberoe, Beagh, Beagh More, Cloonbar, Cloonweelaun, Cloonnaglasha, Cloonteen, Corillaun, Derrymore, Ironpool, and Tonacooleen townlands.

While we recognise and support the need for renewable energy and a transition away from fossil fuels, we have carefully reviewed the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) submitted with this application. After much consideration, **Friends of Kilconly Wetlands will be making a formal submission objecting to this development.**

We have reached this decision because to remain silent would be to step away from our own mission - ***to protect and celebrate the wetlands of Kilconly and the surrounding area for current and future generations.***

Our wetlands are more than just landscape; they are places of recreation, learning, and biodiversity. Local people walk here, photograph here, study here, and bring their children here to experience nature. The bog is alive with plants, insects, and birds including overwintering species such as the whooper swan, and other species like snipe, curlew and meadow pipit all depend on this habitat for survival.

The proposed wind farm poses risks to these delicate ecosystems and would alter the landscape that many of us value for its peace, its wildlife, and its beauty.

We believe that renewable energy and the protection of nature must go hand in hand. The loss of biodiversity, recreational access, and the unique character of our bogs and turloughs would be too high a price to pay.

As a community group, we remain committed to:

- Protecting our wetlands and their biodiversity
- Promoting education and appreciation of the bog environment
- Ensuring that our local landscape is preserved for the generations to come

We love our wetlands, and know you do too. If you would like to make a submission, the deadline is 5.30pm on Monday 17 November.

The case reference is PAX07.323699 and submissions can be made online at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-IE/Observation-on-a-strategic-Infrastructure-devel>

Thank you for your continued support.

Friends of Kilconly Wetlands