

An Bord Pleanála / An Coimisiún Pleanála

Date: 15/11/2025

Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm (323699)

From: Padraic and Ethna Lynch

To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the above planning application on the following grounds. I have lived in this area for over 50 years and have a legitimate expectation to enjoy our property in peace. The siting and proposed operation of Turbine T11 (and associated works) will cause serious, unreasonable and lasting harm to **our enjoyment, health and property value.**

I strongly object to the Shancloon wind farm development on the following grounds. I live within 2km of this proposed development. I believe that a development of this large scale will have detrimental environmental impact on this area, which has a very high seasonal water table.

My concern is that the large-scale excavation of bog and its surroundings will alter the ground water flow irreversibly, in an area that has an abundance of spring wells and many domestic wells and septic tanks.

My concern is how this altered ground flow will impact on all the septic tanks in the surrounding 2Kms area. Developments of this scale can alter the septic tank percolation area and cause untreated sewage to surface or migrate to adjacent wells/springs.

While I accept that some geological surveys may have been carried out, I was unable to find any mapping of all the septic tanks within 2Kms of the proposed development. Neither could I find a mapping of all the spring wells or drinking wells, other than the many Holy wells on the old OS maps.

This proposed development is underestimating and playing down the environmental importance of cut away bogs, as well as having complete disregard for the impact on septic tanks.

Conclusion

For the reasons above — ecological damage, and the threat to our family's quiet enjoyment of the home we have worked for — I object to the proposal and request the Board to refuse permission or to impose the stringent conditions and monitoring described above.

Regards,

Padraic and Ethna Lynch

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