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To:
An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Objection to Shancloon Windfarm – ABP Ref 323699

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are a family of six living in Beaghmore, approximately 750 metres from the proposed Shancloon Windfarm. We have lived here for over 20 years, and our love for this place runs deep. This is our home — a peaceful part of rural Galway where we are surrounded by nature, good neighbours, and a wonderful community spirit.

We cherish the tranquillity and natural beauty of the area, the untouched landscape, and the wildlife that thrives around us. Beaghmore is a place where families grow, where people look out for one another, and where life moves at a calm and healthy pace.

We are extremely worried about the impact this proposed development will have on our health, our environment, and our way of life.

We are very worried about what will happen to the bog and the local ecosystem if construction goes ahead. The bog is not just a landscape feature - it is a living habitat, home to countless species of birds, animals, and plants. Disturbing or removing the peat would cause lasting damage to this delicate environment and could increase the risk of flooding and water contamination.

We often see birds and wildlife around our home and the thought of losing them because of industrial construction and turbine activity is heartbreaking.

One of the greatest gifts of living here is the quiet. The thought of constant turbine noise, particularly at night, is distressing. We came to Beaghmore for peace and to raise our family in a healthy, calm environment. That peace is now under threat.

We have received no communication whatsoever from the developer. There has been no public meeting, no genuine engagement, and no opportunity to ask questions or express our concerns. For a project of this scale, the absence of proper consultation with local residents is simply unacceptable.

A Plea to An Coimisiún Pleanála

We urge you to consider the real people who live here, the families, the children, and the older residents who depend on this landscape for their health, their livelihoods, and their sense of peace.

This community already contributes to protecting the environment and biodiversity through our care of the land. We ask only that the same respect be shown to us.

Please, leave our bogs alone and protect this special part of rural Galway for the generations to come.

Yours faithfully,
Paula Collins Madden and family