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Re: Objection to Shancloon Wind Farm – ABP/ACP Ref: 323699

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed Shancloon Wind Farm development, reference number 323699. I am a long-term resident of Tobberoe, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway, where I have lived all my life. My home is located approximately 800 metres from proposed Turbine T10. I chose to live in this peaceful rural area for its tranquillity, natural beauty, and strong community, and I am deeply concerned about the serious impact that this development will have on my home, my health, my safety, my environment, and my rights.

1. Loss of Amenity, Tranquillity, and Rural Character

The proposed turbines, at approximately 180 metres in height, would be visually overwhelming and completely out of scale with the surrounding countryside. The bogland landscape, wildlife habitats, and scenic views are central to the identity of this area. The industrialisation of our rural environment will permanently and negatively alter its character.

2. Environmental and Ecological Concerns

The boglands surrounding Tobberoe are rich in biodiversity and support a range of wildlife species. I am deeply worried about:

- Displacement and loss of wildlife,
- Disturbance and fragmentation of habitat,
- Potential long-term environmental damage during and after construction.

3. Flood Risk, Hydrology, and Water Contamination

Our area is naturally bogland and prone to holding water. I am seriously concerned that extensive excavation, ground disturbance, and internal drainage works could change water flow patterns, increase flood risk, and potentially contaminate underground springs and domestic water sources.

4. Noise, Shadow Flicker & Health Impacts

Living only 800 metres from T10 places me at significant risk of negative impacts including:

- Construction noise which will easily carry across the open bog,

- Long-term operational noise,
- Sleep disturbance,
- Stress and anxiety,
- Shadow flicker,
- Loss of mental wellbeing.

These concerns are serious, long-term and unavoidable once the turbines are erected. The developers offered me no reassurance and did not seem to take my concerns seriously .

5. Property Value, Insurance & Future Security

The installation of industrial infrastructure so close to my home poses clear potential financial consequences including:

- Loss of property value,
- Difficulty securing future planning consent,
- Potential rise in home insurance premiums,
- Reduced ability to sell or pass on the home in future.

I believe no resident should be forced to accept such losses without consultation, protection, or choice.

6. Lack of Meaningful Public Consultation

I attended the public clinic in Tuam by appointment, taking time off work for the purpose of obtaining information. I was disappointed to find that no additional information was available beyond the leaflet delivered to local households. No photomontage or visual modelling from Tobberoe was provided, despite my proximity to T10 and the significant visual intrusion anticipated.

This falls far short of meaningful community engagement, informed participation, and fair access to relevant impact assessment data.

7. Unfair Burden on Local Residents

I chose to make my home in a peaceful, scenic rural community. It is extremely distressing to now face the reality of being forced to live beside an industrial-scale energy development which fundamentally changes the nature, safety and wellbeing of the local area. Residents have had no real voice, no collaborative planning, and no meaningful alternatives presented.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Shanclon Wind Farm. The potential risks, impacts and long-term harms significantly outweigh any claimed benefits, and the proposal is incompatible with the landscape, the community, and the wellbeing of local residents.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,
Paula Morrin