

## **Shancloon Wind Farm – An Comisiún Pleanála Case Number 323699**

We, Tom and Mary Rattigan, are long-term residents of Beaghmore, Co. Galway. Our home is within 2 km of at least four proposed turbines for the Shancloon Wind Farm. We chose to live here for the peace, quiet and strong sense of community. This development threatens everything we value about our home and our area.

### **Key Concerns**

#### **1. Noise Impact**

- I Tom suffer from tinnitus and my wife Mary experiences frequent headaches. Turbine noise will worsen these conditions and affect our ability to sleep and live peacefully.
- Low-frequency noise and constant noise will destroy the tranquility we currently enjoy. The noise will not be transitory. It will be always here whenever the turbines are operating.

#### **2. Health and Wellbeing**

- Sleep disturbance and stress caused by noise and visual intrusion will harm our physical and mental health.
- Our children's ability to build lives here will be compromised by an environment dominated by industrial-scale turbines.

#### **3. Visual Impact**

- We regularly climb Knockma and cherish the views toward Croagh Patrick. Eleven turbines will permanently scar this landscape and ruin the countryside's natural beauty.
- This will deter people from living here and damage tourism potential.

#### **4. Traffic and Pollution**

- Increased heavy traffic during construction and maintenance will bring noise, pollution and safety risks to local roads.
- The developer's plan ignores the impact on local amenities and residents' quality of life.

#### **5. Environmental Concerns**

- We have noticed more flooding in recent years. Large scale ground disturbance and peat extraction, replaced with concrete will worsen this.

- Risk of water contamination because of piled turbine foundations and the associated destruction of habitats for wildlife is unacceptable.

#### **6. Property Devaluation**

- Our home and others nearby will lose significant value, making it harder for families to remain in the area. Our children may find it harder to get permission to build a home here.

#### **7. Lack of Genuine Consultation**

- The developer has acted like a coward, dropping flyers without any meaningful engagement or discussion. Why are they afraid to talk to people, if the project is so wonderful. This shows complete disregard for the people who will live with the consequences.

#### **Conclusion**

This proposal prioritises profit over people. The applicant has shown no concern for residents, our health, or our environment. We urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to reject this application and protect our community, our landscape and our future.

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