

# OBSERVATION/SUBMISSION TO PLANNING APPLICATION

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To: An Coimisiún Pleanála  
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Date: 20 November 2025

**Re: Observation/Submission to proposed wind energy development at Cooloo Wind Farm**

Location: Cloondahamper, Cloonascragh, Elmhill, Cooloo, Lecarrow, Dangan Eighter, Lissavally, Slievegorm  
- Co. Galway

Applicant: Neoen Renewables Ireland Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed wind farm development. I am very concerned about the impact this development would have on my health, my future and the wider community.

A major personal concern for me relates to my health. I have been a Type 1 Diabetic since the age of two, and for the last eight years I have relied on a continuous glucose monitor (CGM) to help manage my condition. My CGM depends on stable service and Bluetooth connectivity in order to function safely. I am deeply worried that additional signals or interference in the area could disrupt or affect the reliability of the readings I depend on every day. Any interruption could cause an inaccurate reading which could put me at serious risk, and in the worst case, could be life threatening. These health concerns are extremely distressing for me and must be taken seriously.

I am also concerned that the proposed turbines are to be built within the Source Protection Area of the Barnaderg–Gortbeg Group Water Scheme. This water source is vital to the community, and development of this scale within a protected zone poses unacceptable risks to water quality, public health, and long-term environmental security.

I wish to object to this development due to the reasons I have outlined below.

### **Barnaderg Gortbeg Group Water Scheme**

I use the water from Barnaderg Gortbeg Group Water Scheme as my main source of drinking water for my household. The water is of excellent quality and I am very concerned that pollution of various types such as silt, sediment and other contaminants will enter the water source, causing me and my family harm. With the location of two Turbines within the Source Protection Area (SPA) I believe the Cooloo Windfarm should not be granted permission whatsoever, especially in such a highly karsified and hydrologically sensitive area.

### **Broadband Impact**

Given the number currently working from home now, strong broadband is a necessity. There are concerns that the signal, and therefore working from home capabilities will be negatively affected by this proposed windfarm. This is due to the fact that the windfarm is situated exactly within line of sight to the mast. It is unacceptable that broadband signal and mobile phone services utilizing this mast will be degraded, and potentially to such a degree that it will be unusable. This may be worsened by the width of the wind turbine needed to support the weight, and the blades which can create periodic drops in signal level and variable amounts of reflection.

### **Conclusion**

In light of the serious concerns outlined above I respectfully urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for this development. The proposal is not compatible with the principles of proper planning or sustainable development and would have lasting negative effects on local residents, farmers, and the wider community. I therefore strongly object to this proposal and ask that it be refused in full.

If permission is not refused outright, I request that an oral hearing be held so that local residents, farmers, and the wider community can have our say on the impacts of this development.

Yours Sincerely,

Aoife Healy

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