

# OBSERVATION/SUBMISSION TO PLANNING APPLICATION

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To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

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Date: 16 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 wish to express my strong and unequivocal objection to the proposed wind farm development planned approximately 950 metres from our family home and farm.

One of my most serious concerns is the proposal to build industrial turbines within the Source Protection Area of the Barnaderg–Gortbeg Group Water Scheme, which supplies water to households and farms across the locality. Any disturbance, contamination risk, or alteration to this protected zone is unacceptable, especially for agricultural families like ours who rely on clean, safe water for livestock, land management, and daily living.

I work in a medical device company and also farm alongside my father. Our farm has been in our family for generations, and I fully intend to take it over in the coming years. The proposed development poses a direct threat to the viability, value, and sustainability of the farm, which would have long-term consequences for our family's livelihood and the future of the land.

As someone who both lives and works on the farm, I am deeply concerned about the major disruption the construction and operation of these turbines will cause to farming activities. Heavy machinery, road closures, noise, vibration, and restricted access will seriously interfere with livestock management, field work, crop

rotation, and daily farm operations. The presence of large industrial structures so close to agricultural land will also create ongoing hazards, affect animal behaviour, and limit how certain parts of the land can be safely used.

I currently live with my ageing parents and play a significant role in helping to manage the farm and support them. I hope to build a home on the farm within the next five years so that I can remain close to them and continue the long-standing tradition of farming the land responsibly. The proposed development creates major concerns about future planning permission, residential suitability, and the long-term depreciation of the land and property. Turbines of this scale, so close to the family home and the areas where I intend to build, would drastically reduce the quality, value, and potential of the farm for future generations.

Our land is our home, our workplace and our livelihood. The threat of significant depreciation of its value, combined with the disruption to normal farming activity, is extremely distressing for all of us.

I am also very worried about the wider environmental impact: the disruption to wildlife, the destruction of a quiet rural setting, and the long-term visual, noise, and shadow flicker effects. The farm is located in a peaceful agricultural area, and the industrialisation of this landscape would be a permanent and irreversible loss. The construction phase alone would bring years of heavy traffic, noise, and upheaval, all of which are incompatible with safe and effective farming.

This proposed development has already caused a great deal of stress and worry for me and my family. It threatens the future of the farm, the value of our land, and the possibility of building a home and sheds here - all of which are central to my long-term plans and my commitment to continuing our family's farming legacy.

For all of the reasons listed above, I am firmly opposed to this development and ask that my objection be fully and seriously considered and I request An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse planning permission for this development.

Yours Sincerely,

*Eamon Mannion.*

Name: Eamon Mannion  
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