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Your Fianna Fáil TD for Clare



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I wish to make a formal submission on **SID application 323783** (proposed windfarm at Cloonkett, Co. Clare).

I recently met with a group of concerned local residents and I understand that they will be individually and, in some instances, collectively making submissions to An Commisiún Pleanála to outline their specific concerns.

I am the Fianna Fáil party spokesperson on Aviation and Logistics and I carefully follow an array of aviation related issues both at constituency level in Clare and also nationally.

Recently the Irish Aviation Authority and the Shannon Airport Group made hefty submissions in relation to planning applications to develop windfarms in East Clare in which they flagged concerns that the safe operation of radar infrastructure at Woodcock Hill, Meelick may be compromised by the development of a wind farm in the locality. Effectively the argument is that if turbines were to be developed their rotating blades could distort the radio wave signals emitted from the radar's magnetron and, thus, the positioning of aircraft on the monitoring screens at the Air Nav Ireland base at Ballycasey, Shannon may not be accurate on both altitudinal and horizontal axes. If the positioning of aircraft on an air traffic controllers screen isn't fully accurate than passenger safety may be at risk.

In assessing SID application 323783 I am asking that An Commisiún Pleanála would have consideration of the air safety concerns outlined above and make a determination as to whether or not these concerns apply in the context of the proposed windfarm site at Cloonkett and its location proximate to Shannon Airport.

Is mise le meas,
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