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To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to submit the following as my formal objection to Planning Application #323783 concerning the proposed Cloonkett Wind Farm.

I wish to lodge an objection based on my long-standing personal engagement with this area and its natural environment. Over the past 20 years, I have visited the site and its surroundings for birdwatching and for recreational training, including preparing for Ironman triathlon events along the local roads and around Gortglass Lake. Through these activities, I have developed a deep appreciation for the tranquillity, natural beauty, and rich birdlife of this part of the countryside. I am based on the shores of Lough Derg and have a particular awareness of the ecological value and diversity of species in this wider region.

The area is home to sensitive and protected species, including hen harrier, kestrel, barn owl, mute swan and others. These species are of significant ecological and conservation importance and contribute greatly to the enjoyment and educational value of the landscape for birdwatchers and the wider community.

The proposed construction of 14 large wind turbines, together with associated access roads and other infrastructure, would industrialise what is currently a rural and scenic landscape, fundamentally altering its character. This level of development would degrade the sense of tranquillity, disturb wildlife, including sensitive and legally protected bird species, and diminish the area's recreational and educational value. The combined effects of visual intrusion, noise, and habitat disruption would significantly reduce the quality of life and well-being benefits that residents and visitors currently enjoy.

The area's rural character, scenic openness, and rich biodiversity are intrinsic public goods. The scale and nature of the proposed development would irreversibly compromise these values, making it incompatible with the preservation of local natural heritage and with the continued enjoyment of the countryside for recreational, educational, and ecological purposes.

Kind Regards,  
David Condon