

The Secretary  
An Coimisiún Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
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Objection Cloonkett Wind Farm, County Clare (14 turbines, 150 m tip height)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Irene Brooks, wish to formally object to the proposed Cloonkett Wind Farm Development townlands of Carrowreagh East and West, Cloondrinagh, Cloonkett, Burrenfadda, Shessive, Craghera, Glenconauun More and Ballyduneeen, County Clare.

### **1. Impact on Family**

I reside in my family home in Shessive, Eircode V15 DX47. This is located well within the one kilometer boundary as per the current turbine layout plan for this proposed development, with the nearest turbine (T3) circa 700metres from my home by my calculation. The proposed turbines standing at total height 150 meters & hub height of 82 meters is deeply concerning given the size, scale and proximity to my home. In addition I own agricultural land adjacent to the proposed development with turbine T3 well within the 600m zone. This land I hope will provide sites for my children & grandchildren, who I hope will have the opportunity to apply for planning permission to build their own homes so as to raise their own families. The location of these turbines should they go ahead would certainly impact their future opportunity to live in the community where they were born & reared.

### **2. Visual Impact**

From my home at V15 DX47, the proposed 14 turbines will completely change and dominate the landscape. Currently there is open natural view across agricultural land, forestry, natural woodland and bogland. The potential health impacts due to the constant presence of noise and shadow flicker has not been addressed & will negatively impact my ability to enjoy my home. In addition having reviewed the developer's Visual Impact Statement it appears to be what could be best described as flawed & incomplete. There is limited viewpoints, and fails to provide a thorough representation of many vantage points including from my home.

### **3. Drinking water via Group Water scheme at Gortglass lake**

I am a member of Kildysart Coolmeen Group Water Scheme, which operate using Gortglass Lake. This is the source of clean water required for my home & farm. Again the proximity of this proposed wind farm has given cause for concern. Any disturbance to the land & bog from

turbine construction, operation & maintenance will directly impact into the water supply. On my review of this proposal the potential for contamination, in my opinion has not been sufficiently addressed with the consequences of same not fully evaluated. I and my family drink the water supplied from Gortglass, it is of utmost importance and concern that water quality is not contaminated.

#### **4. Disturbance during construction**

In addition to the longer term impacts, I am also deeply concerned about the disturbance that will be caused by the construction process itself. The area is serviced by small rural local roads, with my own home on the L2070. The transportation of machinery, equipment, and large turbine components on roads that are not designed to accommodate heavy construction traffic will cause damage to the road network, undoubtedly cause disruption to daily life, and drastically increase the likelihood of accidents as people bring their children to school or are commuting to their place of work.

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

The impacts on the areas local ecosystem will be profound & irreversible. I have observed on or adjacent to my land several endangered species such as the red squirrel, hen harrier, curlew & lesser horseshoe bats. The importance of this landscape for biodiversity is immeasurable & the proposed wind farm will cause permanent damage to the landscape and remove any possibility for future Rewilding, restoring natural processes, increasing biodiversity, enabling native pollinators, creating functional forests & bogs, combating biodiversity loss.

#### **Conclusion**

The proposed Cloonkett Wind Farm has raised numerous concerns causing unwarranted stress exacerbated by a lack of public engagement and consultation from the outset. Risks to the continued enjoyment of my home, the operation of my farm, danger to public drinking water & future impact on my family to build & prosper are deeply concerning. I implore you to decline permission for this development, with any new or amended proposal to be more thorough in its evaluation. Its impact on the locality, the people, its environs as proposed breach EU environmental law and is a danger to the health of my family & I.

Yours faithfully,

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