

Formal objection to proposed windfarm within the townlands of Glenconnaun More, Craghera and Cloonkett. Co Clare.

ABP 317616-23

ACP 323783-25

Subject: Objection under section 37E of the planning and Development act 2000 - Cloonkett wind farm Co.Clare comprising of 14 turbine , 150Meters tip height as well as associated works.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to formally object to the planning application. Ref No 317616 Comprising of 14 150m Turbines, Substation, Roads and all associated works. This would have an adverse impact on our farms, lives, natural habitats and possibly our health. I have lived here all my life and my family going back several generations. Worked the land and taking care of our countryside, flora and fauna. If this proposed development were to go ahead, our beautiful countryside, lakes and all that I enjoy about where I live will be destroyed by massive industrial structures completely out of sync with our scenery and can not be hidden or camouflaged in any way. Who would want to come from the “ Shannon Estuary Way” to visit Gortglass Lake, an area where the landscape is visually blighted by giant industrial turbines.

The amount of traffic and damage that will be done to our roadways, which were never built for this industrial machinery. I refer to Appendix 13 and the amount of changes and corrections that are being proposed to be done to accommodate this construction, it will cause a lot of inconvenience to us locals who live and work in the area.

I understand the value of my farm and dwellinghouse will be negatively impacted by the proximity to these turbines and given the impact this wind farm will have on my neighbours homes and farms and the erosion of the natural and rural character of our area. The development also presents a high risk of loss of habitat for hen harrier, horse shoe bats and all the other wildlife including those listed on the red list observed in this area. The protection of Gortglass Lake and Clonsnaughta Lake which is the source of drinking water for our community.

I request that An Board Pleanala have regard to the houses and farms in this area and the lives of us who live here, and to scrutinise the application as provided without relying on the presumed mitigation of impact, as presented by the applicant. There is one home within the 500m and several according to their maps just outside the 600m distance, the old guidelines of 2006 and would ask that the proposed new guidelines of 2017 and those of Wind Turbine Regulation Bill 2025 introduced by Deputy Brian Stanley be taken into consideration.

“An Act to regulate wind turbines to provide limits on the exportation of product generated from wind turbines, to protect nearby dwellings from noise and shadow flicker by providing minimum set back distances, to allow access to public consultative processes; and to provide for related matters.”

For these reasons I respectfully request that An Bord Pleanala refuse permission for the proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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