

An Coimisiún Pleanála – Case reference PAX03-523783

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Time: 9.15 By: Reg Bst

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17th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission from Liza McCann, John McCann, Ashling McCann, Sarah McCann and Sinead McCann along with my mother who celebrates her 96 year at Clonsnaughta, Cranny Co Clare we will all be affected by this Development at Cloonkett Green Energy Development

I have lived in this locality for 58 years, due to the lack of employment in the 1980's I had to leave to seek job opportunities elsewhere. Once the economy recovered, I was able to transfer back home and build a house and raise a family. I am proud of where I live, the area the landscape and the untouched bog lands where we have the privilege to share with many species of wildlife, this development will have a negative impact on birds and our beautiful Swans through collision risk and habitat disruption. The proximity of 2 of these turbines to my residential home is 600 metres the structure itself is 150 Metres in height. This will cause a disturbance as wind turbines produce both audible noise and low-frequency vibrations at these close distances. I am concerned the noise levels will impact daily life and sleep quality for me and my family. I have visited several wind turbines which are prevalent in many locations here in Co. Clare and I am concerned as I have seen and heard firsthand the devastation to the Landscape and fall outs between neighbours and friends. The Gortglass Lake where we receive our drinking water through a group scheme which supplies a large radius, this development will affect the water supply to our homes by pollutants seeping from the turbine bed this will pose a risk to the health of the entire community.

For a development of this scale the infrastructure is not near adequate to facilitate or support oversized trucks and cranes drawing materials to and from sites. This will pose a danger to locals going to and from work, schools and their daily duties. We feel the scale of the proposed windfarm will have a massive negative impact on our local environment and will have a detrimental effect on our local wildlife as many of the species of birds in this area, among which are nine red listed bird species which are of high conservation concerns and should be protected at all costs. We also have 2 lakes, which are close to this site, there are swans in these lakes nesting for a long number of years, there are also geese and ducks sharing these lakes.

The Wind Turbines will also inevitably reduce the value of my house and other houses and property in the area this represents an unfair loss to existing residents who have chosen to live in this peaceful rural setting and are forced now to fight against this proposal, causing headache and stress to our health.

While I support green energy I am strongly opposed to this development as the location will be among a residential area. Please consider placing these wind turbines in an areas not surrounded by houses.

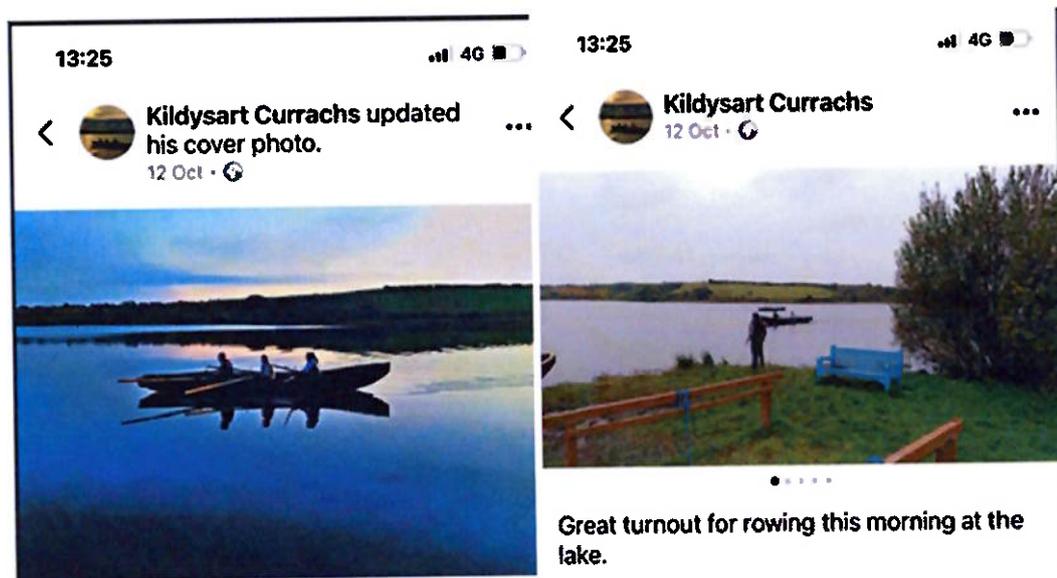
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Please take into consideration below the unspoiled landscapes which will be destroyed if this development goes ahead.

The Gorglass and Clonsnaughta Lakes hold many activities which will no doubt be affected "the Christmas morning swim" to collect money for charities. The Kildysart Currach Club Activities, the swimming lessons, the yoga wellbeing activities.

This is our Community and the proposed development will be detrimental

THE CURRACHS AT GORTGLASS LAKE



Christmas Morning Swim for charity



YOGA AT GORTGLASS LAKE/SWIMMING LESSONS



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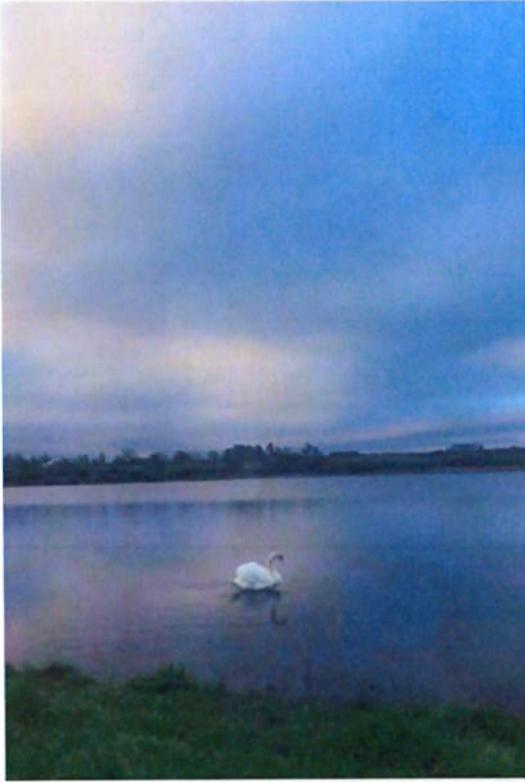
Below some of the Wildlife and Scenery in this Community we all share and will be affected by this development



Ducks at Gortglass Lake



Swans at Gortglass Lake



Bog Lizard

Kildysart Lough was also referenced in Goodwillie_1972_ASI_Clare
 A PRELIMINARY Report on areas of Scientific Interest in Co. Clare

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| <u>Name of Area</u> | GORTGLASS L. |
| <u>Area</u> | 31 ha |
| <u>Grid Reference</u> | R. 22, 59 |
| <u>Scientific Interest</u> | Zoological, Botanical |
| <u>Rating</u> | Regional |
| <u>Priority</u> | C |

Description of Area

This lake is surrounded by acid grassland and patches of bog, but at the west end it is overhung by small alder and birch trees. These include some Betula pendula (silver birch). It has a stony bottom in which grow Isotria medeoloides (quill wort), Lobelia dortmanna (water lobelia), Littorella uniflora (shoreweed), Juncus bulbosus (bulbous rush) and Polygonum amphibium (amphibious persicaria). In deeper water the white water-lily Nymphaea alba grows.

The acid grassland is full of rushes with occasional herbs. The following are the commonest species:-

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| <u>Juncus effusus</u> | soft rush |
| <u>Agrostis stolonifera</u> | creeping bent |
| <u>Juncus acutiflorus</u> | rush |
| <u>J. articulatus</u> | " |
| <u>J. inflexus</u> | hard rush |
| <u>Succisa pratensis</u> | devil's bit |
| <u>Carex lasiocarpa</u> | a sedge |

Closer to the lakeshore other species come in, e.g. Achillea ptarmica (leoneswort), Carex rotundata (bottle sedge), Bidens cernua (our marigold) and Rudbeckia ranunculoides (Lesser water plantain) and where seepage and flowing water appear, these are joined by Scirpus palustris-carnaticus (water-cress), Menyanthes arvensis (forget-me-not), Glyceria fluitans and G. plicata (fote-grass)

The patches of blanket bog have been cut in places: some is modified to drier acid grassland with Sieglingia decumbens (heath grass), Agrostis tenuis (common bent). This contains OphioGLOSSUM vulgatum (adder's tongue). Other parts retain a typical Sphagnum - Erica tetralix (cross-leaved heath) community while Utricularia minor is found in bog drains.

Mute swan and moorhen were seen on the lake, while snipe and water rail occur in the marginal cover.

Several examples of the char (Malvelinus colii) have been taken from this lake.

Evaluation

The main reason for including this lake is the presence in it of Cole's char. This fish is a glacial relict species which has become isolated in usually upland lakes and evolved there into different races. This particular race is thus restricted to three lakes in Clare and four in Kerry.

The vegetation is typical of an acid lake, but has several unusual constituents, e.g. Isopetes sp., Lobelia dortmanna, Ridens cormus and Festuca pendula.

Vulnerability

Drainage or pollution might be expected to damage the fish population and the flora but neither seem likely to occur significantly.

Recommendations

Lead use should be continued in the same pattern as at present.

MAP SHOWING AREA OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST —

Scale: 6 Inches to 1 Mile

