

I strongly object to the proposed Cloonkett Wind Farm Development on the following grounds:

1. Location

The planning application highlights that it will be 19 km from Ennis and 20 km from Kilrush. Yet it completely ignores the close proximity of the development to the communities of Kildysart and Cranny. This glaring omission is profoundly unfair to local residents, who would be forced to endure relentless noise, intrusive turbine shadows and severe disruption to their daily lives. One turbine would be positioned as close as **600 metres** to a residential property. Placing such large industrial turbines so close to home places is unacceptable and a disproportionate burden on these communities, showing a complete disregard for their wellbeing.

2. Communication

The developers have shown a lack of communication regarding this proposed wind farm. No local public meetings have been held, leaving residents frustrated, anxious and feeling completely ignored. Local people feel let down and powerless, despite being the ones who will be most directly affected by the development. This failure to engage with the community is unacceptable and cannot be allowed to continue, as it undermines trust, transparency and the rights of those living in the area.

3. Preserving Peace and Homes in West Clare

West Clare has already had to accommodate a large number of wind turbines, yet many other areas have not been asked to take similar developments. Placing another wind farm so close to residents' homes would be unfair and place an excessive burden on this community. The turbines would disrupt daily life, create noise and visual intrusion and affect the wellbeing of local residents. It is only reasonable that future wind energy projects are located in areas that have not already been heavily impacted, rather than adding further strain to West Clare

4. Disturbing the bog flora and fauna

The proposed wind farm has the potential to significantly impact the flora and fauna of the local bog ecosystem. Construction and turbine operation could lead to habitat disturbance and soil compaction. Bogs are particularly sensitive environments, supporting rare and protected species of birds, insects and plants, in particular the hen harrier.

5. Noise

The relentless noise from the turbines would destroy the peace and quiet that residents depend on, making daily life difficult and putting their health at risk. Sleep disruption, stress and anxiety are inevitable for those living this close to such industrial machinery. In addition, the turbines

would be highly intrusive, dominating the landscape and spoiling the natural beauty of nearby Gortglass and Clonsnaughta Lakes, which are cherished by locals and visitors alike. This is not a minor inconvenience—it is a serious threat to the wellbeing of entire communities and the environment. Immediate action is needed to move the project to another area, away from homes and these treasured natural sites, before irreparable damage is done.

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