

Formal objection to proposed windfarm within the townlands of Glenconnaun More, Craghera and Cloonkett county 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 turbines , 150Meters tip height as well as associated works in the surrounding area

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed Cloonkett Wind Farm. I farm in the next townland of Clonola and know the land and wildlife well. I have lived here all my life and my family before me. I believe enough is not known about the health risks of living near turbines and all proposed guidelines are of the opinion they should not be in close proximity to households.

The proposed turbines are going into a stretch of bog and wet ground that is full of life. We regularly see Hen Harriers, Barn Owls, and other birds that are on the red list. There are also eels, trout, and lizards in the area. These species depend on quiet bogland and the flight paths between Gortglass, Cloonsnaughta, and Knockalough Lakes. Planned turbines will lie directly between those flight paths. Heavy construction and 14 large turbines would disturb their habitat and put them at risk. Once the bog is damaged, it cannot be restored.

According to the developer's own environmental report, there are between 14 to 16 wind farms within the 20KM radius of this site. The Slieve Callan and Mount Callan uplands, in particular, are already full of turbines. If another 14 go up here at Cloonkett, turbines will be the main thing you see across the landscape. This part of the county has taken more than its fair share of turbines and adding another large development would only cause more harm than good.

For these reasons, I ask that the Board refuse this development .

Yours sincerely,

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