

# FORMAL PLANNING OBJECTION

## An Coimisiún Pleanála

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**Date:** 09 May 2026

**Re:** File Number ACP 324155 – Proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Shane O'Malley, respectfully submit this formal objection to the proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development.

## 1. Personal Background and Medical Condition

Following a catastrophic accident in January 2012, I sustained severe and life-altering injuries. I am completely blind and suffer significant hearing loss requiring the use of a bone-anchored hearing aid. I also suffer from facial palsy, chronic headaches, nerve pain, dizziness, disorientation, balance difficulties, weakness on my left side, insomnia, and a history of seizures.

I continuously attend the following medical teams:

- Mr Stephen Kieran – ENT & BAHA Clinic (Bone Anchored Hearing Aid)
- Prof Dylan Murray – Maxillofacial
- Mr Tim Fulcher – Ophthalmology
- Mr Darragh Hynes – Orthopaedics
- Dr Buture – Headache Clinic / Neurology Department

All in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in Dublin.

Further information can be furnished regarding my medical details if requested. However, I am unwilling to provide detailed medical documentation at this time as my personal medical information was previously published freely during an earlier objection process with a blatant disregard for GDPR protections.

Because I am blind, I rely almost entirely on sound to navigate safely within my home and surroundings. Clear and stable sound is essential to my independence and safety.

## 2. Direct Experience of Wind Turbines

To better understand the likely impact of this development, I visited the existing Cahermurphy 1 Windfarm on a calm evening. During this visit I experienced immediate interference with my hearing aid, including sharp

whistling sounds and constant white noise. I also experienced severe disorientation, confusion, loss of balance, and difficulty understanding direction and distance of sound.

Even at distances approaching 1.9 kilometres, turbine noise remained audible. The experience was deeply distressing and left me unable to orient myself safely without assistance.

The proposed development involves significantly larger turbines, approximately 600 feet in height, and located approximately 900 metres from my home. Based on my direct experience, I genuinely believe the impact would be constant, unavoidable, and significantly more severe.

### **3. Impact on Daily Life**

If this development proceeds, I believe it will seriously interfere with the function of my hearing aid and remove my ability to navigate independently and safely. It would worsen existing symptoms including dizziness, headaches, insomnia, stress, and anxiety. In practical terms, I fear that I would no longer be able to live safely or independently within my own home.

### **4. Health and Noise Concerns**

Wind turbine noise, particularly low-frequency noise and infrasound, is recognised as having the potential to affect sleep, balance, cognitive function, and wellbeing. These impacts are particularly serious for individuals with sensory impairments and those who rely on assistive hearing devices.

### **5. Planning and Policy Concerns**

The proposed development conflicts with important planning and health guidance, including the Clare County Development Plan (Wind Energy Strategy), which requires the protection of residential amenity and mitigation of noise impacts. It is also inconsistent with World Health Organisation Environmental Noise Guidelines concerning adverse health impacts associated with wind turbine noise.

### **6. Lack of Consultation**

Despite living approximately 900 metres from the proposed development, I have received no consultation whatsoever from the developer.

### **7. Conclusion**

I believe the proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm would have a severe, direct, and unacceptable impact on my health, wellbeing, independence, and safety.

#### **REQUEST**

I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for the proposed Cahermurphy West Wind Farm development.

Yours faithfully,

*Shane O'Malley*