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I hereby request that Clare County Council reverses its decision to zone the areas of Woodcock Hill, Gallows Hill and Ballycar Hill as suitable for wind turbine development.

Clare Co Co must listen to the population of Co Clare and must take notice to the voices of concern, must acknowledge the physical danger and the destruction of habitat which will be caused by the development of wind turbines on Gallows Hill, Woodcock Hill and Ballycar Hill.

Clare Co Co must:

- Reverse its decision and remove the Wind Farm zoning from these beautiful mountains.
- Halt/refuse any applications for wind turbine development under the current Clare Co Co development plan.
- Place the needs of thousands of local Clare residents ahead of desire of private companies to make profit.
- Place the needs of exceptional habitat and wildlife ahead of desire of private companies to make profit.
- Acknowledge that **0 risk is the only acceptable risk** in relation to:
    - Landslides
    - Aviation Safety
- Learn from past disasters (Derrybrien, Meenbog, Dumkeerin) and do not allow private companies to destroy our environment.
- Acknowledge that the government strategy for "Off-Shore" wind energy should also be the No 1 priority for Clare Co Co starting today.
- Ensure that Woodcock Hill Bog and its surrounding areas are protected as per the legislation in place.
- Protect the Hen Harrier and other species such as bats from wind turbines.
- Recognize the devastating impact the construction of wind turbines will have on local residents due to noise, flicker, destruction of visual amenity, and enjoyment of homes and gardens.
- Stand up and do the right thing for the people of Cratloe, Meelick, Ballycar, Woodcock Hill, Parteen, Ardnacrusha, Bunratty, Oatfield, Truagh, Sixmilebridge and countless others who will be affected.

Kind Regards,

**Paul Keane.**

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