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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to have my views, as outlined below, included in the submissions for the upcoming Strategic Development Plan for County Clare.

Wind turbines should be positioned in areas where it does not affect local residents. Such areas are those **off-shore** where there is no negative impact on the environment, the value of peoples' homes, the quiet enjoyment of peoples' homes/gardens, no risk to life/homes due to landslides, no damage to protected raised bogs, and no negative effect on local wildlife, flora and fauna.

I wish to highlight that the positioning of Wind Turbines, in the heart of a local community like Meelick Co. Clare, is wholly unacceptable given the adverse impact such development would have on local residents, fauna, flora and the environment.

Designating Meelick as an area tagged for "strategic wind turbine development" is not acceptable on many different fronts, including but not limited to:

1. Air turbulence caused downwind of these wind turbines will be detrimental to the quiet enjoyment of Meelick residents in their own homes/gardens and those residents of surrounding areas.
2. Serious negative impact due Air turbulence on Commercial Air Traffic flying into Shannon International Airport on Runway 24.
3. Dangerous and potentially life-threatening impact to light aviation and general aviation air traffic approaching Coonagh Airfield Limerick from the North East (such route has been a standard approach path for 75 years).
4. Such wind turbines will have a detrimental effect on local wildlife, such as birdlife (Red Kites, Kestrels, Sparrow Hawks, Hen Harrier, Pheasant, Deer, Badger, Fox, Stote, Pine Martin and many other species).
5. Flicker from such a development will negatively impact vast areas of the surrounding countryside and will impact on the quiet enjoyment of people homes, gardens etc.
6. The overbearing and over powering physical / visual presence of these wind turbines will also seriously impact and devalue peoples' homes. The one main asset held by the majority of the population. This will be detrimental to forward planning in terms of retirement and home price valuations for residents of the local area and beyond.
7. The adverse and over powering visual impact such a wind turbine farm would have on the wider area of Meelick, Ardnacrusha, Parteen, Cratloe, Clonlara and the entirety of Limerick City and environs.
8. Such a wind turbine development will spilt the community into specific groups and will cause disunity in this close knit community.
9. It has been shown that serious and damaging impact has been caused countrywide by the development of wind turbine farms, to land, surrounding areas, the environment, stress and worry

of local residents, land slides, risk to homes and life due to landslides, and destruction of protected raised bogs. This can be avoided here by designating this area a un-suitable for wind farms.

10. The Clare Hills, Gallows Hill, Meelick, Ballycar, Ardnacrusha and areas north to Killaloe should all be designated as areas of natural beauty and should be excluded from any Wind Farm or similar developments.

Please confirm receipt of this email, and confirm that the above will be included in the submissions for the upcoming Clare Development Plan.

Clare Resident.

Gerry Ryan