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In your future development plan for Co.Clare I note that land in my area is zoned for Wind Farms. The area in question covers the townlands of Fahanlunaghta, Curragodea, Letterkelly, Cloghanmore, Silverhill and Glendine North.

To my mind this is completely contrary to the natural beauty and scenery in the area.

The West and North Clare areas are mostly dependent on tourism and agriculture and if we blight the area with huge wind turbines it's of no value to the local communities in the area.

We can see from the recent wind farm development in Mt. Callan the negative impact they have on the area, a person whom I met over the summer who visits the area annually really put it into perspective for me when he said "the last time I was here Mt Callan was a proud mountain, it only looks like a hill now". On reflection I had to agree with him, the turbines have totally dwarfed the mountain. I couldn't believe that there were more turbines planned for our area until it was pointed out to me on the existing development plan. Would it not be much more beneficial to open up the many green roads and tracks around the area to walking and cycling and encourage more visitors to the area who would contribute to the local economy into the future.

Thanks & Regards

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