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**CLARE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022-2028  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW**



**To Whom it may concern:**

This submission is made on behalf of Limerick Flying Club based at Coonagh Airfield. We are the operators of a recreational flying club under the direction of the Irish Aviation Authority on an airfield so licensed by the IAA. The airfield has been in existence for nearly seventy five years.

We have been made aware of the County Development Plan. One particular aspect which is the cause of grave concern is the fact that areas between Woodcock Hill and Ardnacrusha have been previously designated as an area for strategic windfarm development. We have heard of proposals for such a development under the new strategic plan.

To the west of the River Shannon using the headrace between O'Brien's bridge and Ardnacrusha is within Shannon Controlled Airspace. That route along the eastern boundary of the Shannon Zone is regularly used by light aircraft routing into Coonagh Airfield and on to Shannon Airport. There is a narrow corridor through which we are directed.

We do not view the windfarms as a navigation obstacle per se (save near Meelick). The main concern is the documented turbulence to the air downwind of such turbines and the risk that would cause to light aircraft transiting the area.

We would ask the Local Authority to consult with the Irish Aviation Authority and aeronautical experts on the potential risks downwind of windfarms located above and to the west of a much-used area of transit by light aircraft.

Yours sincerely

*Harry McNamara (signed electronically)*

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