

Wind Turbine Noise/Shadow Flicker Complaints Receptor's Statements 25th -27th February 2022.

(Note: Wind Turbines commenced operation November 2021
and commissioned on 11th February 2022.)

Complaints at one working livestock farm by 10 adults and 4 children.

1. Farm Worker.
2. Residents Mr & Mrs. (Note No 2 has submitted many complaints - sample supplied.)
3. Farm Worker.
4. Equestrian Recreational.
5. Residents Mr & Mrs & 4 children. Note No 5 has submitted more than 1 complaint.
- 6 Resident Single person.
7. Residents. Mr & Mrs. (Farm Workers)

1. From Farm Worker Date: 27 February 2022 at 14:10 PM

Subject Wind turbine noise complaint.

I run a Farm Relief Service and have worked at ---- farm before and since the Wind farm construction.

Since the Turbines have been switched on I have become aware of a constant hum and have been experiencing headaches.

My normally friendly working dogs have become increasingly aggressive to each other despite having been together for some time now.

Having worked in a variety of places, especially on the West coast and some of the Islands I have never encountered this before and if this is PROGRESS I question it.

Farm Worker.

2. From Resident Date: Saturday 26 February 2022 at 16:13:26 PM

To: Wind turbine Operator

Subject: Wind turbine noise complaint.

The wind farm noise and effect from it is intolerable today We are all feeling light headed and sick and my autistic granddaughter is beyond herself, she is covered in bruises from banging her head You need to switch off all of the turbines altogether when the wind is from the south Night and day.

Please get back to me today as we cannot put up with this a minute longer.

Mrs... On behalf of all the people at the farm.

3. From: Farm Worker Date: 26 February 2022 at 08:51 AM

Disruptive noise from Wind turbine noise

To whom it may concern, I am writing to state the effects of Wind turbines has on my working environment.

I am a self employed shepherd that works on several farms in the area. --- farm adjacent to ---Wind Farm is one of my work places.

Whilst at the farm since the start up of the afore mentioned wind turbines, I have experienced nausea and dizzy spells contracted from the persistent vibrating drone that emanates from the wind farm.

I do not experience any such discomfort on any other farms I work on, so I'm 100% certain the effects are due to the noise from Wind Farm.

Farm Worker

From: 4. Equestrian Recreational. Date: Saturday 26 February 2022 at 11:36 AM

Subject: wind turbines

Statement - Complaint

Here are points that I feel should be made - Taken from an STV news article, a spokeswoman said 'the Scottish Government strongly supports the development of renewables while providing appropriate protections for our local communities, landscapes and national heritage.'

In the case of the ----- Windfarm project there has been a failure to uphold the provision of 'appropriate protections for the local community and landscape.'

The wind farm is extremely close to ---- Farm steading and land and ---- Equestrian Centre.

I livery my pony at the Equestrian Centre and visit the farm nearly every day. The proximity of the wind farm has dramatically changed the landscape and encroaches detrimentally on the environs of ----- Farm.

The four nearest turbines loom ominously above the farm yard and dwellings. If wind farms are supposed to have minimal impact on the landscape, then this guideline has not been adhered to in the case of the ---- Windfarm.

The noise pollution from the turbines is disturbing and oppressive. In the 3-4 hours I am at the farm each day, the whine/drone/whoosh rarely abates, no matter the wind direction. To endure it day and night must be awful for the residents.

Although I haven't been directly affected by the flicker from the blades-when the sun shines on the blades at a certain angle - I have seen it happening and was glad not to have been riding my pony at the time. Flashes like that can spook a horse/pony.

I objected to the project when it was in the consultation phase. I raised the concerns that have now materialised.

I support the development of renewables and on -shore wind farms, in the right place, where 'appropriate protections for the local community and landscape' have been upheld.

It appears to me that the Blary Windfarm project has not done this and hope that in the future all of the local community of a proposed project will be listened to and all aspects of objections carefully considered.

5. Residents Mr & Mrs & 4 children.

Date: 25 February 2022 at 20:51PM

Subject: ----- wind farm turbine noise

Just a brief outline of life since the turbines on ----- started turning, the very odd day they are quiet and the rest of the time they make life miserable residing and working at

the farm. The constant hum and drone from them makes me feel sick and light headed when I'm at work and keeps me from sleeping properly at night.

I awake feeling sore and tired and grumpy, not a great way to start the day off . I can't see me wanting to go through life living under such conditions our home and work place was once a tranquil peaceful place, a place to enjoy to relax and live a pleasant life, but not any more thanks to the wind turbine operator and their unusually noisy turbines.

From: 2 Resident Date: Friday 25 February 2022 at 15:39 PM
 To: Wind turbine operator
 Subject: Re: ----- Wind Farm

I don't think it will make much difference as T9 is not working very often and the noise is just the same.

I think you need to shut them all down at night until the noise has been resolved.

Is what you have described going to happen with all winds?

Also the noise has stopped my autistic granddaughter going for a walk in the evening. She cannot cope with the noise from the turbines, for her sake they should all be turned off early evening.

From:6 Resident - Single person. Date: 25 February 2022 at 15:17 PM.

Subject: Wind Turbine Noise.

Since ----- windfarm became operational it has severally impacted upon our lives.

Between the constant drone and flicker from the blades, arising to constant sore heads, and feeling wonky, a feeling I can only relate to is the feeling I get when I get travel sick!

And then at night I find the noise disturbs my sleep more. The house walls are only double bricked in my bedroom compared to the main living area of the house that has exceptionally thick walls.

From: No. 2 Resident . Friday 25 February 2022 at 2:38 PM

As householders at ----- Farm I am writing to tell you of the terrible disruption to our lives since the commencement of power generation at the above wind farm.

We have double glazing in our home and have had to install blinds as well as curtains and still the noise can regularly be heard above the television in our living room.

For the past two months our sleep has been severely disturbed. We have been wakened regularly during the night and find we cannot get back to sleep again.

This almost regardless of wind velocity or direction.

This has been the worst aspect of the disruption and we are reaching the stage when we cannot take it any longer.

Daytime is a little more bearable but we still have to spend 90% of our working days within sight of blade flicker and earshot of the constant whine and crashing of the blades from basically any wind direction.

There are four family members who suffer from asthma living on the farm and the close proximity of the turbines will undoubtedly cause them problems in the summer.

In the long term the situation is totally unacceptable for my wife ---- and myself it cannot go on.

We have been at our farm all our lives and cannot accept that we are being forced to live like this for the rest of our lives

5. Residents Mr & Mrs & 4 children. February 25 2022 2.43 PM

The effects of [redacted] Windfarm which has recently been constructed and is now up and running have been very intrusive to everyday life.

There has been a constant droning noise which is unpkasant, more so at night as it can be very loud. It is like having a tumble dryer on in the bedroom and has ruined my ability to have an un-interrupted nights sleep. My bedroom has 3 windows facing towards the windfarm. They are double glazed and the curtains have been replaced with heavier padded ones but this has not dulled the noise.

I have an autistic daughter who is at the top of the autistic spectrum. She is extremely sensitive to light and noise. Having always loved the outdoors she is now not keen to go outside. The droning upsets her and she has to cover her ears. Furthermore, the flicker in the morning when the sun is rising results in her shutting all the curtains. This is not a great way to live.

Our house is in a very isolated area which is not ideal when raising young children that want to be sociable, but the one plus point has been the peace and tranquility. This is not the case anymore

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

From: 7. Residents. Mr & Mrs. (Farm Workers) Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 10:54 AM

Subject Wind farm Noise

This is a summary of how the windfarm at ----- has affected our lives since its construction. Mr & Mrs feel that there has been a definite impact on the way we feel.

When is working outside on the farm and in the farm buildings he can hear the noise constantly especially depending on the wind direction. Some days it is quite loud.

This he finds extremely annoying and very distracting. Some days he says it makes his stomach churn. Apparently another worker who lives off the farm, has similar feelings.

On Sunny mornings the flicker effect from the turbines makes him feel unable to concentrate on his work and is very distracting.

The front of the house is effected mostly by the flicker, the lounge hallway and bedroom, however if sitting in the dining room the light changes can be seen all across the garden and the farm yard.

When this event is occurring it definitely distracts you and give a sense of movement.

If watching television in the lounge it makes it feel like the whole room is moving.

The constant drone from the windfarm is very annoying. These are industrial noises which we have never been used to in our home environment.

When in the garden the noise can be quite loud and constant. I am not looking forward to the warmer weather because I like to have windows open or sit out in the garden and feel that from now on, instead of just having the sound of singing birds, the river and farm noises to listen to, I will be driven inside away from the constant noise of the turbines.

As a frequent traveller in the Glen, going to and from work, during the construction period it was extremely unpleasant with the excess traffic I encountered.

I don't think we ever expected to be so badly affected by the turbines.

In fact thinking back I don't think we as individuals were ever visited by the developer to give us any information on how the turbines would affect us. We never had any idea just how close to us they would be and certainly never thought we would see so many from our home.

I do remember during early planning that as far as the developer was concerned this was an unpopulated area, so I guess as far as they were concerned we didn't/don't really matter!