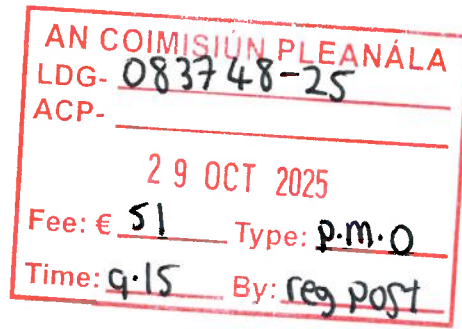




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Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development in the townlands of Garrane, Ballynagoul and Creggane, Co. Limerick.

I am a resident of this area and have serious concerns regarding the suitability of this location for such a project.

1. Road safety and access

The local road is extremely narrow at 16 feet in width and already hazardous for drivers, cyclists, walkers, and children. It is not suitable for the large construction traffic, machinery, or heavy transport vehicles that would be required for turbine installation, substation, bridges, 5km of roadway, hardstand and maintenance etc.

There are no footpaths or safe verges.

Visibility at site entrance is restricted.

Increased traffic will pose serious risks to local residents, including school children and farmers using the road.

2. Noise, flicker, and disturbance

The proposed turbines will cause ongoing disturbance due to:

Shadow flicker, which can be distressing and intrusive.

Noise, particularly low-frequency noise, which travels further in rural areas.

Lighting and movement, which will disrupt the natural landscape and rural peace, especially at night.

I live in the countryside for the peace and quiet it provides. A wind farm would completely change the character of this area from a calm, rural community into an industrial site.

3. Impact on residential amenity and property values

This is a family home that we have invested in and cared for over the years. The proposed turbines will significantly reduce our quality of life and the value of our property.

People choose to live here for the tranquillity, scenery, and clean environment — all of which would be compromised.

4. Future family housing and community impact

Because of this proposed wind farm, future planning permission for my sons and daughters to build homes on our family land will be severely restricted. It is unfair that local families who have lived here for generations may be prevented from building due to turbine proximity and zoning limitations introduced by such developments.

This threatens the long-term sustainability and continuity of our rural community.

5. Community engagement and respect for residents

This project has been in the pipeline with the Garrane green energy wind farm developers for the last four years, yet local residents were only notified about it in April- just 6 months ago. During that time, the developers have had access to funding and teams of experts to research and promote their plans. In contrast, the local residents, who will be directly affected, have not had the same resources. The communication and consultation from those organising the project have been extremely poor, with little effort made to keep the Community informed or involved throughout the process. There has been a lack of clear information, notice, and genuine engagement with the people who will be most affected.

This demonstrates a clear lack of care and respect for long-term residents who have lived in and contributed to this area all their lives.. Decisions of this scale should involve local dialogue and meaningful consultation with the local Community from the very beginning, not as an afterthought once plans are already well underway.

6. Road Safety and Access Concerns

The proposed introduction of a one-way system is completely unsuitable for this area. The road in question is only 16 feet wide in certain places, meaning that even two cars cannot pass safely, let alone large trucks or heavy goods vehicles. This road is simply not designed for such traffic. If a one-way system were introduced , a journey that currently takes about ten minutes from my home in Ballynagoul to Charleville could take three, four , or even five times as long. Likewise, a journey from my home in Ballynagoul to Bruree, which would normally taken ten minutes , would also be substantially longer, especially when collecting my grandchildren from school and caring for my very elderly mother on a daily basis in Kilmallock

In addition, the main Cork-Limerick road has been closed on numerous occasions due to Fatal road traffic collisions in the past, causing traffic to be diverted up this small road – the same one now being proposed for use by Large Heavy good Vehicles. During those periods of diversion, Road traffic accidents and collisions did occur, highlighting just how unsafe this road is for heavy and high volumes of traffic.

The extra time, distance, and fuel costs involved in simply carrying out daily tasks such as collecting children from school in Bruree and Charleville, bringing them to sports and other recreational activities and also caring for my very elderly mother in Kilmallock, and attending medical appointments would be extremely worrying especially in the current cost of living crisis. For people like myself, a 70 year old pensioner on a limited income , this proposal represents not just an inconvenience but a significant financial and emotional burden.

7. Inappropriate location

This area is a rural and farming community, not an industrial zone. The proximity to homes, farms, and community amenities makes it entirely unsuitable for a wind farm of this scale.

In conclusion, I respectfully ask the planning authority to refuse permission for this development due to serious concerns about road safety,

disturbance, poor communication, environmental impact, and the loss of rural amenity and character.

Yours faithfully,

Ane Dalsh + family

