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26th Oct 2025

To: The Secretary
An Coimisiun Pleanala
64 Malborough Street
Dublin 1

Re: Planning Application by Garrane Green Energy Ltd for Wind Farm Development at Garrane.
Case Number: 323635

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the above mentioned planning application on the following grounds.

1: Public Health Risk

Construction and movement of heavy vehicles through agricultural land can disrupt wildlife habitats, particularly badgers, which are known TB vectors.

These disturbances can increase bovine TB transmission risk to my herd and neighbouring herds. This poses a serious biosecurity, agricultural and economic threat to these local herds and farming livelihoods. Currently the proposed development site is TB free.

Construction work can disturb and displace healthy badger setts, potentially leading to the establishment of new but less healthy setts in the surrounding area.

If there is an outbreak of this disease, the consequences include the wipeout of herds that were previously healthy and thriving. The surviving animals will not be saleable and consuming our own raw milk would have to cease as it would pose a serious health risk to our family. These outbreaks are absolutely catastrophic for families both financially and on their mental health.

I have counted numerous badger sets in the vicinity of the proposed development therefore the risk of a TB outbreak is real and alarming.

The river Maigue and the river Loobagh act as a natural barrier to the movement of wildlife. However, the proposed construction of two bridges would breach this natural barrier, potentially increasing the risk of disease transmission among wildlife and bovine herds.

The majority of my land lies adjacent to both the river Maigue and Loobagh. The department of agriculture has outlined that these two rivers have been a protective factor against the spread of TB onto my farm.

The applicant has not provided sufficient mitigation for disease risk management.

2. Flooding and Water Runoff

The proposed site lies within the area prone to surface water flooding. Garrane, Ballinagoul and Cregane is a natural flood plain and floods annually.

Construction of turbine bases and access roads will increase impermeable surfaces, leading to altered drainage patterns and higher flood risk downstream. I am fearful that the construction of these turbines and new tracks will negatively affect the natural flow and drainage of floodwaters, potentially increasing the risk of flooding in surrounding areas. This will have a negative impact on the productivity on my farm.

3. Traffic and Road Safety

Construction traffic will generate significant heavy vehicle movements on narrow rural roads. There will potentially be up to 10 thousand HGVs using these narrow roads causing traffic congestion which increases the risk of accidents.

The L1537 is not suitable to carry these large loads and this poses safety risks for residents, school buses, farm machinery and local road users. This road is regularly used for recreational purposes by people of all ages, who enjoy walking and cycling here due to its tranquility and natural beauty. The road is simply too small to carry the burden of this development!

There are huge safety concerns for the town of Charleville which is on the proposed route. Charleville town regularly experiences traffic congestion. In recent years there have been many pedestrian fatalities involving HGVs in this town. The town of Charleville simply cannot endure any more traffic.

The traffic management plan is inadequate for local road conditions.

4. Disruption to Wildlife

The development site includes habitats for protected species e.g. bats, badgers and owls. I frequently see barn owls on my land.

Disturbance during construction and turbine operation could have long term effects on wildlife populations. The barn owl is protected by law due to its declining numbers.

5. Noise and Shadow Flicker

These turbines are simply too big and too close.

Our home is within a kilometer of these turbines and I am fearful and anxious about the potential effects it may have on my family, my health, my work as a farmer, and our local community. The predicted noise levels and shadow flicker from turbines will affect residential amenity, disturb sleep, mental health and general well being.

6. Visual and Landscape Impact

The turbines will dominate the rural landscape, altering its natural beauty, character and visual appeal.

This will negatively impact tourism, local property values and the communities quality of life.

7. Poor Communication and Community Engagement

The developers consultation with local residents has been minimal and insufficient.

Many affected households were not directly informed or included in discussions. The residents called for a public meeting with Garrane Green Energy but this was declined.

Contracts were negotiated and signed before any public engagement .

There was confusion, rumours and fear among the community. I had to actively seek out information to understand what was actually being proposed.

Garrane Green Energy held a clinic on the 22nd of July in the Charleville park hotel.

I only found out about this event by word of mouth through a neighbour. I was informed that the clinic would meet with no more than one household at a time, so I attended the session on my own. During this meeting, I was led to believe that the N20 road would serve as the main route for construction vehicles, and not the L1537. This demonstrates a lack of transparency, respect and genuine community engagement.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that the Planning Authority refuse permission for this development. The cumulative effects on public health, environment, safety and landscape are contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Your sincerely,
Andrew & Breeda Cussen