# **Formal Objection Letter**

To An Bord Pleanála – Planning Application Ref. 323635

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To: The Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01 V902.

Re: Formal Objection to Planning Application Ref. **323635** – Proposed Wind Farm by Garrane Green Energy Limited at the Townlands of Garrane, Ballynagoul & Creggane, Co. Limerick.

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I wish to formally object to the proposed wind farm development by Garrane Green Energy Limited (An Bord Pleanála Reference: 323635) at Garrane, Ballynagoul & Creggane, Co. Limerick.

While I support renewable energy initiatives in principle, I believe this particular proposal is unsuitable for the chosen location and would have serious adverse effects on the local environment, residents, landscape, and rural character of the area.

## **Grounds for Objection**

#### 1. Landscape Intrusion

The proposed turbine heights of 9 x 170 m and density would dominate the skyline, fundamentally altering the rural landscape of this part of County Limerick and County Cork.

The turbines would be visible from numerous public roads, homes and scenic viewpoints, leading to permanent visual and aesthetic degradation of the countryside.

#### 2. Noise, Shadow Flicker and Health Concerns

The noise, vibration and shadow flicker effects associated with large-scale turbines can cause significant and ongoing disturbance to nearby residents.

These impacts may negatively affect health, sleep and general wellbeing, particularly for households within close proximity to the proposed turbine locations.

# 3. Impact on Heritage, Amenity and Tourism

The proposed development would erode the scenic, cultural and recreational value of the area.

This part of County Limerick and North Cork is defined by its peaceful rural character, many scenic views which attracts visitors and contributes to local tourism and community identity.

The massive 9 x 170m wind turbines would severely undermine these attributes.

## 4. Inadequate Public Consultation and Transparency

There has been insufficient engagement and transparency in how this project has been presented to the local community.

Many residents within the affected townlands were not adequately informed of the proposal or given a genuine opportunity to participate in the consultation process. Key information about turbine locations, noise levels and visual impact assessments has been difficult to access or unclear to the public.

Proper community consultation and full disclosure are fundamental to the planning process, yet they appear to have been lacking in the case of Garrane Green Energy case.

As such, the proposal fails to meet the standard of openness and accountability expected under Ireland's planning framework .

### Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, I great fully ask that **An Bord Pleanála** refuse permission for Garrane Green Energy Wind Farm case code 323635 in the interest of environmental protection, community wellbeing, and the preservation of the rural landscape of County Limerick and County Cork.

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Conor Fitzgerald