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October 30th, 2025.

Application Case No. 323635

Development Description: Wind Farm consisting of 9 Turbines & all associated infrastructure in the townlands of Garrane, Ballinagoul & Creggane, Co. Limerick.

Re: Submission of Observation about the proposed Wind Farm named above.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to formally express our strong objection to & concern about the proposed 9 (170+ meter high) Turbine Wind Farm by Garrane Green Energy, in the above-named townlands.

Our key concerns are that at no stage, has Garrane Green Energy held any public meetings with any residents or businesses in the area. In fact, they refused to attend any open forum to answer any of our concerns.

The 9 Turbines proposed are of huge proportions, we believe to be some of the largest offshore in Ireland. They are almost 4 times taller than Charleville Church in our neighbouring town. Blade diameters of 150m, which is over 3 times the Church height.

Some of the homes are as near to these Turbines as 680m, directly impacting our neighbouring families & friends.

The Noise Pollution factor from the constant low frequency hum, both day & night, is proven in other areas to cause constant disruption to all our lives, along with the health damaging issue of Shadow Flicker, which various studies have shown, cause discomfort, disorientation and stress on people, houses & roads.

Given the push for people's mental health, how can anyone, in all consciousness, consider these massive developments to be anything but damaging to everyone's mental wellbeing?

They are only proving now, the effect of them due to the increased levels of stress and anxiety suffered by those near Turbines. It is of increasing concern & worry for anyone with a mental health disorder or issue, or anyone with special needs, of which our community has many. As regards our young people & children, these turbines will be detrimental to their sleep & development, along with anyone who does shiftwork, as in our household.

The traffic disruption of all the heavy commercial vehicles, (in the thousands), as outlined in Garrane Green Energy's planning application is another concerning factor in this. Our road specifically, the L1537, Garrienderk-Bruree road.

It is a narrow country road and is hard pushed at times to accommodate 2 normal sized cars, let alone commercial HGVs, 8,000 over the construction period. Higher on days concrete to be poured for bases of Turbines, when 120 lorry loads are set to be delivered over the course of the day (from 6am to 8pm). This translates to HGVs every 7 minutes approx, along with the other extra site traffic. ACCIDENTS WAITING TO HAPPEN. And who will be responsible for these? Garrane Green Energy?? An Coimisiun Pleanala?

This traffic will not only affect us, the local residents, but also our wider communities & the town of Charleville, many residents of which, have already suffered life changing injuries & deaths because of HGVs passing through an already congested area.

Another issue of concern is the proposed Substation. A 110KV substation, with its constant buzzing, and intrusion on our tranquil landscape... The exact location of which, has not yet been revealed...

It is hard to believe & fathom, how or why, a company would want to build these 9 massive, intrusive mega Turbines on a known Flood Plain, (The foundations & internal site roads actually worsen flood events, especially near Creggane Bridge (N20), which is already a high probability flood zone as stated), and how an authority could even consider same application? Plus, the fact that studies have shown there is in fact, little to no wind in the proposed area, to facilitate the proper functioning of said Turbines. How green can they be if when there is no wind, research shows, we will end up, through our government, subsidising them. And how long will it be before Garrane Green Energy, like so many before them, sell them off to foreign interests?

This development will also have an irreparable & lasting damage on our countryside landscape, the Golden Vale, and our wildlife, having severe effects on our rural ecosystem & biodiversity. How is that "Green"?

Who will guarantee our local rivers, streams, and water table will not be polluted from the running of the 9 Turbines, Substation, and all the associated underground cables, steel & concrete?

Once the turbines are in place, the damage cannot be undone. Let's prevent it by making the right decision & listening to the people on the ground, who will have to live with the lifelong consequences & fallout.

As homeowners, resident in the area all our lives, we are deeply concerned about the potential impact such a development will have on our family & our property. Our house is our home & investment for our family's future. If this proposal goes ahead, our property will be greatly devalued.

Our property is very close to said proposed development and as such, will impact on all our daily lives.

We urge you to seriously reconsider this application and deny Garrane Green Energy their planning application. STOP them from destroying our landscape, our areas, our Homes & our Lives with this development. There is a time & place for everything, and this is neither.

WE SAY NO TO TURBINE WIND FARMS.

TOO BIG.

TOO CLOSE.

TOO LOUD.

TOO DAMAGING.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Frank Finn,

Donna Finn,

Ian Finn,

Robyn Finn.